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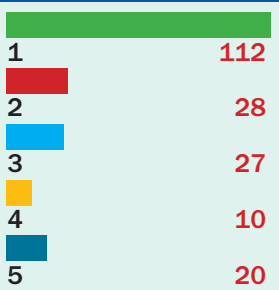
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## STILL NO BUDGET BILL 6 DAYS BEFORE DEADLINE

# Over 8% across-the-board cut eyed to 'balance' budget

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### » Rebate suspension proposal dropped

Government agencies may have to absorb an across-the-board cut of over 8 percent, more than the 5 percent earlier anticipated, to help balance a \$114-million spending package for fiscal year 2013 as a bicameral panel has yet to come up with a final budget bill to present to the House and Senate six days before Sept. 30 deadline.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that the over 8 percent across-the-board budget cut is expected to cover the \$4 million excess in spending so far showing in the panel's calculations.

But as the conference committee on the budget bill's meeting resumes at 9am today, the across-the-board budget cut percentage may still change, Basa said.

If no new budget is passed and signed into law by Sept. 30, the government will

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## Pension reform law likely to be challenged in court

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The Fitial administration could find itself involved in a new legal battle following reports that the newly enacted pension reform act, or Public Law 17-82, is likely to be challenged in court.

Possible litigation against PL 17-82

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» 1,229 file refunds in Week 1; none approved yet by the Fund

## Obama reaches out to CNMI young patient Dora

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U.S. President Barack Obama has reached out to Dora Grace Ada Camacho, an 8-year-old in a hospital bed paralyzed from the neck down but whose story has been inspiring people in the CNMI and other parts of the world to help her get treated and recover.

Dora's family is now seeking monetary donations to be able to bring her from Saipan to the Medical University of South Carolina where her family hopes she will get the best treatment possible.

"We need a miracle for this... We need to get her out of here as fast as we could because the earlier we take her to South Carolina, the better chance she gets to recover. The longer I wait, the longer she won't recover at all," Dora's mother, 29-year-old Jennifer C. Ada, told Saipan Tribune in an interview at the Commonwealth Health Center on Saturday night.

Ada said she never expected that the president of the United States would also reach out to her daughter.

"I'm happy that the president gets to reach (out) to my daughter. I'm very proud, my husband and I are very proud of Dora, that she inspired so many people, plus the president. He's inspired with her courage and bravery," the mother said.

Obama's message and gift to Dora was personally delivered by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) in



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Jennifer C. Ada, left, and her daughter, Dora Grace A. Camacho, 8, show a framed photo of U.S. President Barack Obama and family, while a letter from the president to Dora can be seen posted on the wall, right, at the Commonwealth Health Center in Garapan on Saturday night. Obama said Dora's "courage in the face of these challenges is inspiring." The young patient's family is seeking monetary donations to be able to bring Dora from Saipan to the Medical University of South Carolina where her family hopes she will get the best treatment possible.

Room D46 of CHC on Thursday night.

"I recently learned about these challenges you face, and I want you to know how much I admire your strength at this difficult time," Obama told Dora.

The president added, "The courage you have in the face of these challenges is inspiring, and I hope the love and the support of your family and friends comfort you each day. Please know the First

Lady and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers."

That one-page letter from the president is accompanied by a photo of the

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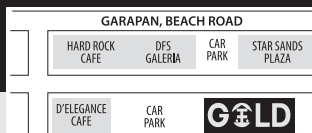
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## Ex-AG reveals alleged confidential letter of Pai to Fitial

Former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham has moved to dismiss the criminal case filed against him and also asked to court to strike an order declaring him a fugitive from justice.

Attorney Brien Sers Nicholas, counsel for Buckingham, also disclosed to the court an alleged confidential letter dated Jan. 25, 2012 sent by Office of Public Auditor Michael Pai to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Nicholas said the letter concerns the OPA's investigation into the "factual circumstances" forming the basis for the three counts of the initial informa-

tion filed against Buckingham by OPA counsel George Hasselback.

Nicholas said based on his review of the letter, OPA deemed the "matter closed and it [OPA] will make no further comments regarding the investigation or its findings and recommendations."

The lawyer said because of the confidentiality of the "matter" as disclosed in the letter, he did not attach a copy of the letter.

However, he said, at the hearing he will provide the court a copy of such letter for court's review.

In Buckingham's motion to reconsider the court's order denying his motion to quash the arrest warrant, Nicholas said the issuance of the bench warrant in the amount of \$50,000 cash for the arrest of Buckingham and the subsequent denial of his motion to quash the bench warrant were in errors as a matter of law.

Nicholas said as a matter of law, the prosecution of any "violations of Commonwealth law" is specifically reserved for the Office of the Attorney General.

The lawyer said the Legislature's futile attempt to cloth the

OPA with "criminal prosecutorial powers" is an unconstitutional intrusion by the Legislature into the constitutional responsibility of the Executive Branch vis-à-vis the Office of the Attorney General.

He said it is undisputed that Hasselback is prosecuting this case under the misguided view that he is an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth.

Nicholas said Hasselback is not an AAG contrary to his beliefs, but a legal counsel for OPA.

The lawyer said actual service of the summons and not knowledge of criminal charges, confers personal jurisdiction over an accused as a matter of law.

Nicholas said the penal summons issued was not a lawful order of the court as it was not signed by a judge contrary to Commonwealth Rules of Procedure.

He said it is undisputed that the penal summons issued in this case against Buckingham was signed by the clerk of court and not a judge as specifically mandated by Criminal Rules.

"Given that this court never had jurisdictions in this case, the

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## Wiseman allows summons, complaint against Buckingham served via newspaper publication

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has allowed the Senate and Reps. Janet U. Maratita (Ind-Saipan) and Ray Anthony N. Yumul (R-Saipan) to serve former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham with their summons and complaint by publication for the summons in a newspaper.

Wiseman issued the order on Friday after plaintiffs the Senate and Reps. Maratita and Yumul filed a motion to allow service by publication on Buckingham, who was recently declared by the court fugitive from justice.

The judge ordered that Buckingham shall be served by publication of the summons in at least one newspaper published and having a general circulation in the CNMI.

"Publication shall be made once each week for four successive weeks, and the last publication shall be not less than 21 days prior to the return date," Wiseman said.

Attorney Ramon K. Quichocho, counsel for the plaintiffs, stated in the motion that Buckingham, a court-declared fugitive from justice, cannot be found or served within the CNMI.

Quichocho said Buckingham is sued in this lawsuit because of the serious breach of trust and breach of fiduciary in "committing the good people of the CNMI to a guaranteed \$190-

million dirty diesel power plant contract."

The lawyer said pursuant to a Commonwealth Code, the court "may order that service be made by publication of the summons in at least one newspaper published and having a general circulation in the Commonwealth."

The Senate and Reps. Maratita and Yumul are suing Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, former AG Buckingham, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and Saipan Development LLC.

Acting AG Viola Alepuyo substituted herself for Buckingham because Buckingham had already resigned as AG.

The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that the 25-year power purchase agreement is "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and unjust, and therefore, cancelled."

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman recently issued a preliminary injunction that prohibit Fitial and co-defendants from pursuing all agreements associated or related to the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement.

Preliminary injunction refers to a court order issued in the early stages of a lawsuit which enjoins or prohibits a party or parties from performing an act in order to preserve the status quo until a pending ruling or outcome. (Ferdie de la Torre)



# Medicare team extends survey visit

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The visiting team from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is extending its stay on Saipan after failing to complete its survey inspection of the Commonwealth Health Center last Friday.

Commonwealth Healthcare

## EX-AG

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denial order in this case classifying Buckingham as a fugitive must therefore be stricken as a matter of law because it is a void judgment issued without jurisdiction," the lawyer added.

On Sept. 11, 2012, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued an order declaring Buckingham a fugitive from justice.

"[Buckingham] is a fugitive of justice, and his argument that his absence is not willful and he has not attempted to conceal his whereabouts does not shed his fugitive status," said Wiseman in the order.

Wiseman denied without prejudice Buckingham's motion to quash the \$50,000 bench warrant that he issued when Buckingham failed to attend the hearing last Aug. 6.

The judge, however, stated that he will evaluate the defendant's motion on its merits and consider any other concerns regarding the service of penal summons and filed amended information if and when he returns to the CNMI.

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Corp. board chair Joaquin Torres said yesterday that the federal representatives' extended stay on the island may take a few more days which will be capped by an exit interview with corporation officials.

CMMS representatives have been on the island since Monday last week. The team issued an immediate jeopardy status

OPA filed seven criminal misdemeanor charges against Buckingham.

The five charges were in connection with Buckingham's alleged hosting of a delegate candidate's party at Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's house in August 2010 and Buckingham's approval of a \$400,000 sole-source American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) management contract award in October 2010 to Michael Ada within days of stepping down as a Cabinet secretary.

The two charges—obstructing justice: interference with service of process, and misconduct in public office—were related to Buckingham's alleged use of police officers to escort him at the airport to avoid being served with penal summons between Aug. 3 and 4. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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on the hospital after discovering non-functioning defibrillators in key units of the hospital.

CHC was given 23 days to submit a comprehensive action plan or its certification will be terminated and that would mean the cancellation of all federal monies received from Medicare.

Torres disclosed that as a procedure, CHC has to provide response on the immediate jeopardy status within 24 hours after issuance. The chairman said hospital administrator Karen Buettner was able to provide the preliminary report to the visiting team, while completing the comprehensive action plan due within 23 days. As days go by, the chairman said "amended/supplemental" reports have been also provided by the corporation to CMMS.

Since Friday, two defibrillators were found working at the CHC's key units after repair work was completed. The hospital has a number of non-functioning defibrillators many of which are not repairable.

Torres disclosed yesterday that the corporation has made the decision to procure new defibrillators and back-up batteries soon in consideration of the critical need of the units.

The chairman revealed that it is only after the complete assessment of CMMS that the corporation will be provided with all the "general assessment" and "deficiencies" that the CMMS may have for the public hospital.

He clarified that the lifting of immediate jeopardy for specific concern on defibrillators

may also take some time because CMMS has to "accept" the comprehensive action plan from CHC.

Last Wednesday, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial extended the emergency declaration for CHC due to its financial challenges impacting the hospital's services. During emergency declaration, all laws and procurement regulations are suspended and agency is under the direct watch of the executive branch.

Torres said yesterday the new E.O. will be a big help in finding additional monies for hospital needs such as that of the medical equipment and supplies. However, he admitted that without the "flow of new funds" for CHC, the new emergency declaration will not bear any major change in the hospital's situation.

Torres also disclosed that the corporation drafted last Friday an emergency procurement for

a Tinian doctor and documents would soon be finalized this week to address the long-time concern on the island.

The lack of a permanent physician on Tinian was among the issues raised by corporation board member Anthony Aguon, who earlier accused corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta of making irresponsible decisions, particularly on the issue of a doctor for Tinian.

Last Friday, Torres and the CEO met with its legal counsel from Attorney General's Office and discussed how the issue can be rectified.

Torres said it was agreed upon that an emergency RFP will soon be issued out to hire a doctor for Tinian from off-island. At present, he said THC is being served by a locum doctor and being assisted by a physician assistant from Saipan in certain days of the week.



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## CUC officials won't show up in today's PUC, JGO hearing either

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials won't show up in today's joint hearings of the House Committees on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications and the Judiciary and Government Operations on the no-bid \$190.8-million power purchase agreement, also because of alleged deficient notice to appear.

This comes days after CUC officials were also a no-show at the Special Committee on Impeachment's hearing on the 25-year power deal last Friday,

because of what the CUC legal counsel described as a deficient notice.

House JGO Committee chair Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and House PUTC Committee chair Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) subpoenaed on Sept. 19 CUC acting executive director Alan Fletcher and CUC deputy director for power Wallon Young to testify on the power deal.

CUC legal counsel and assistant attorney general Rebecca Wrightson said

in letters to Demapan and Torres that the subpoenas are, "in several respects, deficient of the requirements mandated by Commonwealth Code Title 1, Sections 1301-1303."

"Therefore, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Young will not be appearing to testify at the Committee's hearing. Should the Committee decide to re-issue subpoenas that comply with the Commonwealth Code, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Young will appear as requested," Wrightson said.

## DORA

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first family—the president, the first lady, and their two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

Ada said she and her husband are "very proud" of Dora for bringing the community together. She said she and the whole family are thankful for all the help and messages of encouragement they have been receiving.

The response from the public has been overwhelming. Dora has received enough supply of PediaSure, baby wipes and Pampers, among other things. Her hospital visitors have also brought her toys.

The bigger challenge now is to send Dora to the Medical University of South Carolina where Dora has been accepted as a patient under the care of their chief of the Neurosciences Division, Dr. Steven Glazier.

"We were discussing earlier it's best if my daughter gets a private plane to South Carolina," the mother said.

If Dora is transported through commercial plane, they need to pay for at least 13 seats—six for Dora alone, two for doctors, two for nurses, two for respiratory technicians, and one escort. However, a stretcher for Dora may not be accommodated by a commercial plane, along with other medical apparatuses and medicines.

Ada said she does not know how much it would cost to hire a private plane to take Dora, the needed medical staff, escort, and medical equipment and medicines from Saipan to South Carolina.

"It should be much much more than the \$45,000 needed one way from Saipan to the Philippines," the mother said, adding that this is the reason why they are asking for monetary donations.

Ada said they're hoping Dora will be brought to South Carolina "next month or before December."

She said they're hoping Dora will "go back to what she was before."

"They will see what is making her ill. She can't breathe on her own, what can cure her of Transverse myelitis," Ada said.

Dora is enrolled as a third grader at William S. Reyes Elementary School. Her mother said her teachers will be visiting her five times a week so she can catch up on her studies.

### From pain to paralysis

Dora has so far spent four months in hospital bed—at the Asian Medical Center in Manila, Philippines and at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. on Saipan, the only hospital in the CNMI.

The mother said Dora is paralyzed from the neck down with a breathing tube down her throat, and this is keeping her alive.

Her condition has perplexed her parents and doctors. Her mother said once her Medicaid application in South Carolina, with the help of NMPASI, and once she receives enough help to be transported to South Carolina, they're hoping she will be treated and recover from what's been ailing her.

The mother said once the Medicaid application in South Carolina gets approved, it will cover Dora's medical expenses there.

What started as pain and numbness in Dora's legs led to paralysis. Dora was admitted to CHC's pediatric ward in May. The paralysis spread to Dora's waist then her arms. She was moved to the intensive care unit when her ability to breathe deteriorated.

Ada said her daughter was sent to the Asian Medical Center in the Philippines for a spinal tap but her spine was too dry. While there is fluid in the young patient's neck area, doctors are reluctant to take samples from that area because of a surgical procedure she had when she was only 1 year old.

Dora had a brain tumor removed through her neck when she was only 1 year old. The mother said doctors suspected the surgical site may have become infected, and may have contributed to her paralysis although doctors don't have clear answers yet.

The mother said her husband has been incarcerated and she's unable to work because she has to take care of Dora and her three other children. Right now, while the mother is attending to Dora at CHC, her three other children are being taken cared of by their uncles, aunts, and other relatives.

### Want to donate?

Dora's family has set up a bank account at Bank of Guam for monetary donations.

A Facebook group, Paralyzed child fights for survival, has been set up, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221681741294611/>.

Dora's mother can also be reached at her mobile phone, (670) 789-4936, and house phone, (670) 235-8277. Or at CHC, (670) 234-8950, Room D-46.

Inos, however, said that the Fitial administration is already preparing for the worst by working on a government shutdown contingency plan, identifying what agencies and which personnel will be exempted from the shutdown.

Among those that will be exempted are needed doctors, nurses, police officers, corrections officers, and utility crews.

Besides Basa and Taimanao, the other budget conferees are House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), vice speaker Felicidad Ogunoro (Cov-Saipan), Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), along with alternates Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

The committee worked until late Friday night. But because no budget bill was produced until that time, Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) "postponed until further notice" the Senate session set for 2pm on Saturday to act on the budget bill.

If a budget bill is finalized late this afternoon, a session may be called for Tuesday.

The CNMI went through a partial government shutdown in 2010 over a bitter budget deadlock between the House and Senate. That shutdown, which lasted for some 10 days, resulted in having over 1,400 government employees temporarily out of jobs.

A person being served a subpoena needs to be given at least five days to testify, unless a shorter time is necessary. If a shorter time is necessary, it has to be approved by the majority of the members of a committee.

Demapan, in an interview yesterday, said the joint committee will "revise and re-issue" subpoenas to CUC officials "to address CUC's concerns."

He said because Fletcher will be off-island for days, the committee will reset the hearing for a later date, to wait for Fletcher's return.

On Friday, the Special Committee on Impeachment chaired by House minority leader Joe DeLeon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said the non-appearance of three CUC officials had more to do with "miscommunication or lack of communication" between Fletcher and CUC's legal counsel on the accommodation that the panel

extended to Fletcher.

The impeachment panel subpoenaed Fletcher, Young, and chief financial officer Charles Warren to testify before the committee reviewing a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

House Resolution 17-111, authored by the House minority bloc, listed 16 articles of impeachment for felony, corruption and neglect of duty.

Among the issues involved is the sole-source \$190.8-million power purchase deal that Fitial signed along with then attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, a day before the latter left Saipan despite being served a penal summons to appear in court two days later in connection with criminal charges filed against him.

The impeachment committee will resume its meeting today. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

## PENSION

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received overwhelming support from retirees who attended Friday's meeting called by the Commonwealth Retirees Association.

NMI Retirement Fund counsel Carolyn Kern and one of the counsels for Betty Johnson, Stephen C. Woodruff, disclosed to *Saipan Tribune*, in separate interviews, that their clients are both evaluating the option, but no concrete decision has been made yet.

"The decision [to challenge the law] is still being considered. Although the counsel for [Betty] Johnson indicated to the court [this morning] that they would likely to challenge the law, we would have to see what they would file and let's see if we have same arguments. But definitely, we will consider if we will join them or if we will have a separate motion," Kern told *Saipan Tribune* after almost an hourlong meeting Friday of nearly 50 retirees at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Kern, during the meeting, described the new law as complex and indicated provisions and languages that may not be fully understood by the government. Among these is the law's mandate to provide the Fund \$70 million yearly to pay for retirees' pension and the cost of the program operation. The law, which authorizes the withdrawal of members' contributions, was also described as disadvantageous to the program which would lose three main sources of funds: employee contribution, employer contribution, and the opportunity for investment returns. These, she said, are just the many disadvantageous, if not unclear provisions of the law.

When asked how soon decision to challenge the law should come in, Kern admitted that the challenge, if decided, must be best brought before the first refund checks are released which is within 30 days after the application, excluding the review period and approval which may be up to five days.

According to acting Fund administrator Lillian Pangelinan, there are a total of 1,229 members who filed refund applications in the first week they opened the application. From the figure, no application has been approved as the Fund is in still in the stage of accepting and reviewing applications.

It was revealed Friday that Fund assets is estimated at \$223 million of which only \$110 million can be used to pay for pension of retirees after the court set aside \$113 million for active members. The refunds will be sourced from this court set-aside amount and cannot be used for any purposes such as retirees' pension. For active members, they said there's no need to rush because no deadline is set for refunds.

"With that amount of money for retirees, how long are we going to receive our pension? Should we prepare for six months or one year? Do we have data on this? Because I cannot afford another surprise!" stated retiree Maggie Sablan during the meeting.

Pangelinan, for her part, cited the actuarial data of the Fund that indicated that without infusing additional monies into the portfolio, "life of the Fund is only up to July 2014" and this may last sooner than expected depending on the investment earnings.

CRA board chair Larry Cabrera, for his part, said that this is where the floating of pension obligation bond can come in and rescue the retirement program. In November election, he encouraged members and their families to support the POB legislative initiative that will give way for the "first step" in floating the bond.

Cabrera admitted that many retirees are opposed to the POB, which makes the idea "hard to sell" among voters. Among these retirees is Sapuro Rayphand, who emphasized to members the need for "adequate" information on the issue.

Meantime, retiree Agnes McPhetres campaigned against lawmakers who have been continuously failing the retirees.

She described the retirees as victims who are being penalized, instead of the culprits.

For Woodruff, besides the issue of challenging the new law, retirees have other "hopes" which is on Fund trustee ad litem Joseph C. Razzano, who has the responsibility to make decision for the Fund with respect to any litigation affecting the agency. Woodruff said the Fund can join in his client's amended complaint in federal court. In the past three years, the counsel said the Fund showed no interest in moving the case forward, and hoping the ad litem will make a right direction for the sake of retirees.

Woodruff attended Friday's CRA meeting to "hear and observe" the retirees and their views.

In answering numerous queries from retirees on Friday, the Fund's in-house counsel clarified that the governor's executive order that declared emergency and transfer the Fund operation to the finance department is not in effect, but not completely dead at this time.

The court she explained has only temporary stopped its implementation but fate of the E.O. will be known after the injunction hearing on Oct. 2.

Kern also briefed the CRA members on the limited powers of the Fund trustee ad litem, the timeframe of his appointment, and the things he performed in the first week of his duty. Razzano was not able to attend the CRA meeting and is presently in Guam.

## BUDGET

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have to partially shut down starting on Oct. 1 until a spending package is in place.

When a partial shutdown happens, over 1,400 public servants will once again be forced to be out of jobs temporarily.

"We are very cognizant of that and we are convening again on Monday to go over the final figures and come up with a bill that hopefully can be passed as early as Tuesday or Wednesday," Basa told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Basa said the projected 8.2 percent across-the-board cut is considered "too severe" by some conference committee members.

Government departments and programs will be given the flexibility how to implement the over 8 percent cut, either in personnel or operations, or both. It could also mean work hour reduction of eight or more hours per payroll.

The Fitial administration's budget proposal restores 80 work hours per payroll, but the budget panel is finding this hard to meet as they work on a compromise spending package.

"But if we don't have a choice, we will have to support it. The numbers are not balancing. If we find an alternative

way, we don't have to cut by over 8 percent but right now that seems to be the best way," said Basa, the lead conferee from the House.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) separately said yesterday that the biggest problem now is "balancing" the budget, or making sure it stays within the \$114 million projected revenue available for government appropriation in FY 2013.

She also said that the across-the-board cut is over 8 percent, more than the 5 percent that the committee earlier projected.

But both Basa and Taimanao said the priority agencies will still get the agreed amount. The committee, for example, will ensure that the Public School System will still get \$33 million.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos met with the conference committee on the 2013 budget bill on Friday afternoon.

During that meeting, Inos told the conferees that their proposal to suspend tax rebates in 2013 is not allowed, Basa and Taimanao said.

"The 2013 tax rebates are already committed so we can't touch that. That's why the rebate suspension is now off the discussion table," Taimanao said.

Basa said the Fitial administration is working closely with the conference committee to ensure that a budget bill is passed and signed by the deadline.



# Parties in Fund's lawsuit vs administration appear before Govendo anew

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The parties in the NMI Retirement Fund's lawsuit against the Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's administration went back before Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo for a status conference.

"I feel like a broken record. I've never seen any progress from the government in finding money [to pay the Fund]," Govendo said, drawing laughter from some retirees who watched the proceeding.

The judge said he will not set a review hearing in the case. There was no hearing in the case before Govendo for a couple of months after the Fund filed a bankruptcy petition in federal court.

District Court's recently appointed Fund trustee ad litem Joseph C. Razzano joined the status conference.

Also appearing at the hearing were former Fund Board of Trustees counsel Braddock Huesman, intervenors Commonwealth Ports Authority and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. counsels Robert T. Torres and Joshua Berger, and Fitial and

the CNMI government's counsel assistant attorney general Teresita Sablan.

Govendo allowed Commonwealth Retirees Association chair Larry Cabrera to express his concerns about the Fund's situation and urged him to open



Govendo

a communication with Razzano.

Govendo said basically Razzano is the Fund's board considering that the Fund has no board of trustees.

The judge suggested to the government to sell the Mariana

House in Washington, D.C. to satisfy the government's arrears with the Fund that has grown over \$300 million.

Govendo said the proceeds of the sale will not significantly reduce the government's arrears, but that would be a good faith sign that the government is not hiding behind the law.

The law that the judge was referring to is the local courts' inability to compel collection of the \$300 million judgment unless the Legislature appropriated the amount.

The Mariana House has remained idle since January 2009, when the federalization law abolished the office of the CNMI's resident representa-

tive to Washington, D.C., which used to occupy the building. The Fitial administration has yet to decide whether to sell or lease out the two-storey building.

To cut the government's expenses, Govendo also mentioned the scholarship program.

The judge said every single bright student can get sources from numerous sources in the U.S.

"The people of the CNMI simply cannot pay their scholarship!" Govendo said.

Govendo also cited the waste of service vehicles. He said except for emergency vehicles, there should be no more government cars and gas even for the Legislature.

"You don't like it, step aside!" the judge said.

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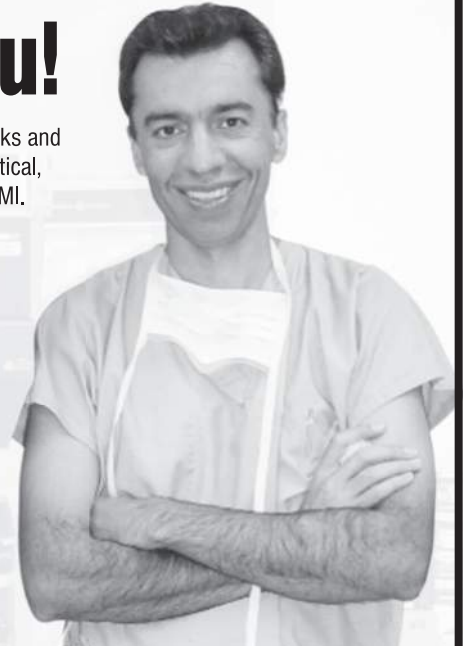
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## White dust gives clue into solving apartment burglary

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REPORTER

White dust on an intoxicated man gave police the clue that he was responsible for a burglary and theft incident at an apartment in western Garapan.

Danny T. Daniel, 25, was served with an arrest warrant last week for burglary and theft.

Detective Israel De Leon stated in his report that Police Officer Rudy Sablan suspected Daniel for committing a burglary and theft because of the white dusts around his body and scratches.

De Leon said that, on Sept. 15, 2012 at 12:21am, two police officers entertained a complainant's report at Koban Police Station that his friend's apartment was burglarized.

According to preliminary investigation, a woman came home from work at Fiesta Resort & Spa at 12am when she discovered her belongings in the bedroom were scattered.

The victim learned that her two laptops, a cell phone, a wireless router/modem, and assorted jewelry were missing.

The sliding window in the kitchen area was open. The screen for the window was damaged. The window bar was pried open on the top right corner about a foot and a half.

As Officers Sablan and Flora Aguon were heading back to the second floor on the stairway

of the apartment building, Sablan spotted two males walking along Ginger Avenue.

Officer Sablan recognized one male as Daniel, a suspect from an earlier incident of disturbing the peace at a poker arcade.

When the two officers approached Daniel on the roadway, Daniel was observed to be intoxicated.

Sablan then noticed that Daniel had white dust on his arms, clothing, and leg portions and his arms and fingers had scratches.

The officers escorted Daniel to Koban Station for further investigation.

The officers escorted Daniel to the victim's apartment, but on their way, they spotted Daniel's earlier companion.

The companion told the officers that he received some items from Daniel. The companion reached inside the backpack and took a foot lotion cream, AA batteries, and perfume.

Sablan also found a knife, pair of clothes, and a toothbrush inside the backpack.

Sablan showed the items to the victim, who immediately identified the foot lotion and AA batteries as hers and that the perfume belonged to her roommates.

The victim's cellphone was also found in Daniel's bag.

De Leon said Daniel later confessed how he broke into the victim's apartment.

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Position: Senior Vice President/General Manager (1)

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Position: Cook Korean Cuisine (1)

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years in the preparation of Korean food, will be involved in Korean menu development, inventory, ordering/purchasing, food cost control, training, personnel management such as coaching, complies to all applicable Sanitation Codes, ensure efficient, safe and sanitary food production, preparation, presentation and knowledgeable of Korean food trends with focus on quality, experience in large catering or banquet functions, excellent communication skills in Korean and basic English to understand and follow recipe, able to communicate on all levels, including management, departmental and customer.

Position: Chef de Partie (1)

Qualifications: 7 Years of cooking experience and training, responsible for the creation of high quality dishes, able to work independently, cooks consistently and enthusiastically on a high level, helps create and cook to perfection seasonal and including a five course modern gourmet menu, small selection of signature a la carte dishes, cooks and prepares for each meal service, controls incoming goods and stores food, vegetables, fruits, staple in a perfect conditions, guest orientated and able to converse with the clients, actively attends wine and general trainings, team building events and supplier visits to learn about local product, has fun cooking, is a sociable person, likes to work as a teamwork, and respects and actively works with colleagues.

Position: Cook (7)

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years of experience and training, prepares or directs preparation of foods according to prescribed menus and recipes, takes inventory of supplies on hand and orders food supplies, ingredients and other consumables on a schedules basis as determined by menu and estimated number of customers, cleans and sanitizes all food preparation equipment and ensures that it is kept in safe and operable condition, knowledge of methods, materials, and practices of volume food preparation, sanitary methods used in food preparation.

Position: Assistant Manager, Food & Beverage Department (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of working experience and training, Must have supervisory experienced and training preferably in hotel and resort facilities, have experienced for all food and beverage services including banquet catering, bar/grill, dining restaurant, and outside beverage carts, must have cost control of all food and beverage outlets by helping in overseeing the purchasing of food, maintains effective inventory and shortage controls, work with the Executive Chef to develop an annual food and beverage plan and budget, ensure successful operation of special events, banquets, rentals, coordinates the delivery for all food and beverage service to the customer at the highest guest standard, supervise staff and operational during shift, ensure all of the services provided are immediate need of the customer, maintain and develop a dedicated team providing the highest quality of service and addresses all staffing issues in a fair and timely manner.

Position: Kitchen Helper (1)

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of working experience, must be familiar with the dynamics of a professional kitchen is a plus, willingness to learn, time and space management skills, physical stamina, a friendly temperament, a desire to help out where needed and the ability to foster the creation and maintenance of a cohesive team, assist cooks, keep kitchen clean, perform a variety of food preparation task, assist with food and beverage service, receive and store supplies, sweeps and mops floors, segregates and removes trash and garbage and places, hoses out garbage container, washes pots, pans, trays by hand, scrapes food from dirty dishes and washes them by hand or place them in racks.

Position: Assistant Manager, Front Office (1)

Qualifications: Must have 2 years of experienced and training in the field of hotel and golf resort operation, must be organized, neat and professional appearance, pleasant, tactful and patient, able to communicate well with a wide variety of people, committed to providing good service, enjoyed dealing with people, ability to direct and control the activities of the Front Office, Reservations, deal with customer complaints, knowledge of a second language is a plus (write, read, and speak)computer literate with knowledge of a variety of computer software applications, and superior written and oral communications skills, ability to respond properly and take a supervisory role in any hotel emergency or safety situation.

Position: Korea Sales & Marketing (1)

Qualification: 3 years of experienced and training, must have worked in a hotel or tourism industry, communicate directly with guests, both in person and by telephone, provides information on facilities to Korean speaking guest at the golf & resort, provide information and services in Korean, must be able to offer the Korean guest in any number of special circumstances, good communication skills in Korean language is vitally important, provides all the information that the guest needs to enjoy their stay, good problem solving skills, good organizational skills, must be trained and experienced in tourism or hospitality managements, excellent customer service skills.

Position: Supervisor, Japan Sales & Marketing (2)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experienced and training in marketing strategy for the Japanese market, must be fluent in the Japanese language as well as to read and write, experienced contacting and selling to Corporate level executives, experienced in Sales and Marketing most especially in the Japan markets, built and managed a network of marketing and selling Hotel and Golf product and services, possess innovative business promotional and advertising activities, strong negotiating skills, knowledgeable of the Japanese customers needs, have strong demonstrations skills, must work with management team to create sales and marketing plans that includes to identify and target Japan Markets, identify potential Japanese clients.

Position: Supervisor Pro Shop (1)

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of supervisory experienced and training, able to lead, direct and motivate the sales team in order to achieve sales objectives, identifies appropriate business targets, provides a professional and excellent level of customer service with existing and new customers, supervises scheduled shift, completes all assigned duties, supervises sale associates, ensure that all employees adhere to company policies and procedures, knowledge of principles, techniques, and objectives of marketing, manages a sales program, knowledge of hotel management and philosophy.

Position: Sales Representative, Pro shop (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of training and experienced in the field of golf operation, must maintain outstanding customer service, generating sales, merchandising, must be fully competent in selling, knowledgeable of cashiering and receipt processing, knows how to operate a computerized point of sale cash receipts, inventory management system, ensure that each customer receives, ability to work varied hours/days, including nights, weekends and holidays as needed, must recognize security risks and thefts and know how to handle or prevent such situations.

Position: Front Desk Supervisor (1)

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years of hospitality work, must have total understanding of all hotel front office procedures, know standard of cash handling, knowledge of computerized cash register systems, reservation system, must have experience in dealing directly with the public and acquired general knowledge of basic customer service skills, experienced and trained in the field of Front Office Operation, assist the Front Office Staff in handling customers in an efficient, gracious and professional manner and maintains a friendly, cheerful and courteous demeanor at all times.

Position: Front Desk Clerk, China/Korea Market (1)

Qualifications: Assist the front desk clerks in handling Korean and Chinese guests in an efficient, gracious and professional manger, responsible for the management, organization of the Front Office and related functions pertaining to the Korean and Chinese guests, respond and display a high degree of professionalism and integrity as well to a wide variety of people, enjoys dealing with people, computer literate with knowledge of a variety of computer software applications and superior Korean/Chinese written, and oral communication skills.

Position: Executive Housekeeping (1)

Qualifications: 7 years experience and training is required, must have worked preferably at a hotel, responsible for the smooth, efficient, cost effective operation of the Housekeeping Department, inventory control, works closely with Front Desk Assistant Manager to resolve all room discrepancies, possesses good knowledge of all matters relating to the proper administration of the Housekeeping department, provides employee safety training to prevent accidents, maintains quality standards through inspection programs, follows and ensures compliance to all hotel control procedures by staff.

Position: Housekeeping (3)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years of experience and training cleaning hotel rooms, ensure clean, orderly attractive rooms in hotels, and must have training cleaning golf facilities, prepare a list of prospective check-outs, investigates complaints regarding housekeeping service and equipment, takes corrective action, operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, responsible for disposal of trash, waste and other disposable materials, conducts inventories to ensure adequate supplies, observe precautions required to protect hotel guests' property, and report theft or found articles to supervisors.

Position: Accountant (1)

Qualifications: 5 years work experience and knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and budgetary principles, considerate knowledge of computers and their application in financial and accounting system, ability to prepare clear financial statement, establish tables of accounts and assign entries to proper accounts, use professional judgment, ability to plan, organize and meet rigid schedules and demanding timelines and seasonal workloads.

Position: Information Technology Technician (1)

Qualification: Must have 5 years of experienced and training and a college graduate in Computer science, responsible for installing, maintaining computer hardware, software, networks, have proficient knowledge in computer hardware and software systems and programs, computer networks, network administration and network installations, computer troubleshooting, team building skills, analytical and problem solving skills, decision making skills, effective verbal, presentation and listening communication skills, effective written communication skills, computer skills including the ability to operate graphics and website development programs at a highly proficient level, good time manage.

Position: Information Technology Assistant (1)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years of experience and training and must be a college graduate of computer applications and operating systems, PC hardware and trouble shooting, repair procedures, principles and practices of computer and telephone support services, computer hardware and software applications, familiar with information technology policies and procedures, computer operations processing and procedures, communicate clearly and easily with user and vendors of varying levels of technical expertise.

Position: Project Engineer/Facility Maintenance Manager (1)

Qualifications: 10 years of experienced and training, college graduate, is responsible to ensure that all LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort facilities are maintained in the highest of standards in their operation, assists in implementation and coordination of maintenance, repair, renovations of Company owned and leased facilities, monitors contractors compliance to standards for various Company buildings, conducts initial review and evaluates bids for compliance with specifications, report building maintenance needs, respond appropriately to emergencies or urgent issues as they arise, manage and supervise and coordinates the work of the staff and the work of contractors, communicate clearly and concisely, maintain adequate inventory, preventive maintenance and repairs of equipment.

Position: Supervisor, Electrician (1)

Qualifications: Have 7 years of training and experienced, and a college graduate, must have electrical trade qualifications, complies and adheres to the Occupational Safety and Health and Standards and practices, excellent communication and team building skills, must have computer systems skills, perform electrical work as required within their capabilities, maintaining a high standard of workmanship and abide by local statutes, performs skilled electrical installations, undertake modifications to plan & equipment repair electronic components of electrical equipment as required for continued operation, attend to production machinery breakdowns as required.

Position: Mechanic Engineer (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of training and experienced, must have graduate degree, is responsible for all mechanical installations maintenance programs, stress analysis, piping, process plants layout and mechanical building services, responsible in power plant engines and generations, evaluates equipment performance and operating conditions, proficient in the planning and control of work in a multi project, deadline driven environment, deep and thorough understanding of applicable regulatory requirements and industry practices, assumes accountability for the quality of mechanical engineering work.

Position: HVAC Technician (1)

Qualifications: 7 years of experience and training, must have specialized knowledge to analyze and solve complex problems, continuous concentrated mental and visual effort to plan and perform complex work, strong physical exertion, responsibility for cost control, sustained high degree of attention required to prevent damage or waste, repair replace needs necessary to maintain equipment and systems, install heating, air conditioning, refrigeration systems and related equipment for the propose of providing comfort inside facilities, maintains tools.

Position: Building Maintenance (2)

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of working experience and training, must have standard maintenance skills and the ability to apply that knowledge safely in a structured environment, skill in operating maintenance and carpentry tools and equipments, activities and decisions, requires independent actions, judgment in solving common problems, must have tolerance for exposure to unpleasant elements, be able to positively interact with fellow workers, maintains and repairs a variety of building facilities and provides service for common mechanical, electrical, and building system devices.

Position: Assistant Manager, Recreation Facility Attendant (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of experience and training in golf industry, Must be able to communicate and supervise facility attendant employees, inspect golf equipment, structures, or materials, work with the public, assist others, monitor events, coordinates the work and activities of others, develop and build teamwork, knowledge of a second language is a plus, knowledge of the golf sport and rules is a must, , generally work a flex schedule, often deal with unpleasant, angry or discourteous customers, work in a group or as part of a team, provide directions to customers, make sure that the customers follow golf etiquette and rules.

Position: Supervisor, Recreation Facility Attendant (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years experienced and training and working in a golf industry, must keep things running smoothly, provide information about and the services the Company provides, keep equipment in working order, explain how to use equipment safely, provide information about rules, record details of attendance, reservations, make sure that people follow rules, communicate and supervise facility attendant employees, must be pleasant, neat in appearance, must be punctual and reliable, ability to work well with the public is very important, knowledge of the golf sport, responsible for work outcomes and results of other attendants.

Position: Supervisor, Greens Keeper (1)

Qualifications: Must have 7 years of training and experienced, must have worked preferably at a hotel and golf industry, establishes and maintain and repair programs for the golf course and the hotel, evaluates and determines the need for and scope of emergency repairs and supervises staff and contractors in performing work, establishes procedures governing employee and customer's safety, perform grounds maintenance, perform preventive maintenance to the equipment, applies insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers maintains and operate irrigation system, experienced and knowledgeable in tractor operation and mowing.

Position: Greens keeper (14)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience and training, must have working knowledge at a golf course, knowledge of methods and materials used in grounds and landscaped area knowledge of and ability to use hand and power tools and equipment, ability to operate trucks, light motorized equipment, physical strength, stamina and agility, assists in the construction of new greens, tees, and fairways, lays sod, and seeds tees, greens and fairways.

Position: Nursery Workers (3)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience and training, must have working knowledge at a golf course, performs routine maintenance on equipment, move containerized shrubs, plants, greens, using wheelbarrows, carts, shovel or tractors, maintain grounds and landscaping, haul and spread topsoil, fertilizer, peat moss and other materials to condition soil, requires to be reliable, responsible, and dependable, pleasant to work with, displays good natured and cooperative attitude.

Position: Fabricator & Assembler (1)

Qualifications: Must have 10 years of training and experience, must be able to fabricates, assembles, installs, and repairs sheet metal products and equipment on the basis of knowledge of system operation, may work with aluminum, galvanized steel, stainless steel, or other sheet metal stock, frequent to constant standing, walking throughout shift on all types of surfaces, maintains a safe work environment must be able to plan, organize, must be able to read and understand technical information, manuals, material safety data sheets, work order.

Position: Heavy Equipment Machinist (1)

Qualifications: must have 5 years of training and experience, performs skilled tasks in the mechanical repair and maintenance of heavy trucks, earth moving, and related construction equipment including road graders, knowledge of hazards and safety precautions of the trade, operation and maintenance requirements of heavy duty construction equipment, work cooperatively with other employees, work safely without presenting a direct threat to self or others, performs incidental welding operations on equipment.

Position: Golf Cart Mechanic (2)

Qualification: high school diploma, 3 years technical training or experienced in mechanical, dismantle engines, using hand tools and examine parts for defects, test and inspect engines to determine malfunctions, to locate missing and broken parts, perform routine maintenance such as cleaning and oiling parts, honing cylinders and tuning ignition system, ability to demonstrate good judgment when dealing with guests or other personnel, able to lift/carry supplies or equipment with frequent reaching, stooping, bending, and kneeling, extensive walking and standing.

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# Judge finds plea deal not just lenient but outright generous

» Judge rejects OAG's plea bargain offered to girlfriend of accused in burglary

» Woman charged as accessory to boyfriend who burglarized troop store

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has rejected a plea bargain that the Office of the Attorney General offered to a woman facing charges of accessory to the burglary and theft committed by her boyfriend at the U.S. Army Reserve Center's troop store.

Camacho found the plea deal entered by defendant Jashlie Nicole Camacho not just lenient but was outright generous.

“In the court's view, the proposed sentence is extremely generous,” said the judge in his written order issued on Friday.

Judge Camacho is known for rejecting lenient plea bargains and imposing full maximum sentences.

Under the proposed plea agreement, Jashlie Nicole Camacho seeks to plead guilty to obstruction of justice. In exchange for the guilty plea, the government will recommend no jail term sentence and defendant's criminal record will be wiped clean.

Judge Camacho said recognizing that defendant has no prior criminal convictions, the court nevertheless finds that the plea agreement terms lack any meaningful punitive or deterrent value.

On June 27, 2012, the government charged Jashlie Nicole Camacho with one count of accessory after the fact to burglary, one count of accessory after the fact to theft, and one count of obstruction of justice.

The accessory charges have a combined maximum penalty for not more than seven and half years and a maximum fine of not more than \$7,500. The obstruction of justice has a maximum penalty of imprisonment for not more than one year and a maximum fine of \$1,000.

Jashlie Nicole Camacho and counsel Michael Ernest signed a plea agreement with the government represented by assistant attorney general Chemere K. McField.

The plea deal proposes a sentence of six months, all suspended except for one day. The agreement also proposes a credit for one day that the defendant already served in jail and one year probation.

The proposed plea deal also recommended a requirement for the defendant to serve 50 hours of community service, and upon completion of pro-



Camacho

bation he record shall be expunged or wiped clean.

The change of plea hearing was held last Wednesday.

In the written order issued yesterday, Judge Camacho said should he accept the plea agreement, the defendant will not spend a single day in jail beyond the day she already served, unless her probation is revoked.

The judge said should he accept the plea deal, upon successful completion of probation, Jashlie Nicole Camacho's record will be wiped clean as if she never committed a crime.

“By contrast, if the current charges proceed to trial, defendant is facing a potential consecutive sentence of eight and one half years,” he said.

On June 12, 2012, police served the arrest warrant in Gualo Rai to Jashlie Nicole Camacho, for accessory after the fact to the burglary and theft.

Hickeys on defendant's neck reportedly provided clue to the detectives that she has knowledge on the whereabouts of her boyfriend, Derik C. Reyes, who was then hunted by police in connection with the burglary at the U.S. Army Reserve Center's troop store in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The U.S. Army Reserve Center's Army Air Force Exchange Store, also known as troop store, was burglarized on May 30, 2012 and the suspect later identified as Reyes was caught on surveillance camera committing the crime.

Reported stolen were a 32-inch Panasonic LCD flat screen TV, two HP 201 monitors, and two Bose sound dock portable systems, all estimated to cost over \$1,500.

Reyes recently pleaded guilty to burglary and theft and was subsequently sentenced to two years in prison. He was given credit for 75 days he already served in jail.



# Longtime educator wants to make difference at BOE

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A longtime educator wants to make a difference on the lives of Commonwealth students, a prime motivation that led to his decision to run for a seat at the CNMI State Board of Education.

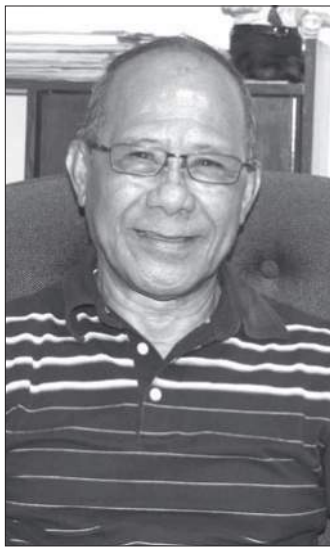
Victorino S. Cepeda, 70, is the education director of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute. In a visit to his office Friday, he shared with *Saipan Tribune* what he wants to accomplish in the education sector if given the opportunity to serve it.

Top on his list is to curb the continuing involvement of many high school students in drug activities, which he described as not only rampant, but alarming without citing statistics.

Cepeda claimed that despite the existence of school policies on drugs and related activities, there's a need for "serious" enforcement not only on the part of the Public School System but through improved collaboration with parents.

"I know BOE and PSS can still do better to solve this problem...and I want to take part on their efforts. Some may not agree on what I observed [about rampant drug use], but I know it's becoming a big problem now because I have seen and witnessed such incidents in many occasions. And it makes me sad," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that schools have an important role to play in honing the character and attitude of students.

Cepeda has yet to say the



**Cepeda**

kind of policy he may introduce to the board that will help address the problem. He is just convinced that he can help.

Cepeda is the first individual who filed his candidacy for BOE seat on Saipan, which has two vacant positions. He will run against incumbent chair Marylou Ada and former college dean Janice Tenorio.

When asked what makes him a good candidate for the post, Cepeda cited his "sincerity" and "great interest" to help students.

Besides addressing the students' involvement in drugs, Cepeda also cited among his priorities the practice of "real transparency" on the education board and the PSS management.

Expansion of vocational career options, he added, is also among his priorities.

Cepeda has served the public schools for 27 years from 1961 to 1988. He rose from

the ranks—from classroom teacher, to vice principal, and principal. Among the schools he served are Oleai Elementary School, the former Chalan Kanoa Elementary School, and Marianas High School. He also taught students in Pagan Islands in the past.

After his tenure at PSS, Cepeda was named by former governor Larry Guerrero as director of indigenous affairs office where he served for two years.

A year later, he joined the private sector for more than seven years until he was named Mt. Carmel School principal for three years. It was

in October 2008 when Cepeda was appointed as NMTI's education director, a post he currently holds.

Cepeda attended secondary education at George Washington High School in Guam and earned his education degree

from Oregon College of Education. He also attended a special administration course at East West Center in Honolulu.

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**Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI)**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is soliciting proposals for the financial and compliance audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. NMPASI is the designated, federally funded protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities in the CNMI. NMPASI uses a variety of individual and systems advocacy approaches to protect people's right, including legal and administrative remedies, legislative, policy change and trainings. Proposals for the financial and compliance audit shall be submitted to NMPASI, P.O. Box 503529, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than September 28, 2012. The audit shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

1. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards;
2. OMB Circular A-133; and
3. Compliance with the General Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Program.

Award will be based on specific factors such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this audit will be awarded no later than October 19, 2012. The audit work shall commence by December 30, 2012, and a final audit report shall be completed by March 15, 2013. A list of specific audit requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Gualo Rai. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. James Rayphand, Executive Director at Tel. No. 235-7274/7273.



# Navy commander touts Saipan's potential as 'relaxation port'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Saipan comes "highly" recommended for a "tourist relaxation port visit" by the commanding officer of the USS *McC Campbell*, which is currently on island for its inaugural visit.

Cmdr. Thomas J. Dixon said in an interview that he first visited the island in 2001 aboard USS *Curtis D. Wilbur* and had "a great and wonderful experience" that he wanted the USS *McC Campbell* crew to share that experience as well.

Dixon said the USS *McC Campbell*, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer with 305 officers and crew on board, were out at sea for 30 days that they were looking forward to a "nice break" on Saipan.

Eleven years since his first visit and the people on Saipan still have the same "warm hospitality" and the place is still as great as he remembers, said Dixon.

"We need to increase our frequency because it's a great place to unwind and I recommend it highly to everyone. It's a wonderful place. I'm enjoying myself, the crew are enjoying themselves. I couldn't ask for anything better," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce hosted a welcoming reception at the Hard Rock Café last Sept. 22 for the officers and crew of the USS *McC Campbell* and the USS *Cowpens*, a Ti-



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Commander Thomas J. Dixon, commanding officer of the USS *McC Campbell* (DDG 85), presents Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan with a plaque of appreciation during the Chamber-hosted welcoming reception last Saturday at Hard Rock Cafe in Garapan.

conderoga-class guided missile cruiser which has visited the island more than once.

Both U.S. Navy ships arrived Friday morning.

During Saturday's event, Dixon presented Mayor Donald Flores with a ball cap, Chamber's Armed Forces Committee chair David A. Wiseman with a commemorative coin, and Chamber president Douglas Brennan with a plaque of appreciation for being gracious hosts.

In return, Dixon received a plaque from Flores, Wiseman, and Port of Saipan manager Mary Ann Q. Lizama.

Dixon disclosed that the two Yokosuka, Japan-based vessels

were together in a recent training exercise before heading out to Saipan.

"I had the opportunity to pick this port visit for us then the commanding officer of the USS *Cowpens* saw what a great place this is and he came in right behind us and he changed his port visit from Guam to Saipan," he said.

Upon arrival, Dixon said they have been relaxing and having a good time by enjoying the beaches, doing snorkeling, and scuba diving, among others.

The commander shared that during their stay, they will be

doing community service with a local high school and will be interacting with the residents through friendly sports games such as soccer, volleyball, softball, and baseball.

Dixon said that the USS *McC Campbell*'s visit to Saipan is relevant since the ship's namesake, Capt. David McCampbell, served in the Pacific during World War II.

"It's very appropriate for the ship to come visit one of the islands that he defended and protected over time," he added.

USS *McC Campbell* is scheduled to depart on Tuesday.

## USS *George Washington* visits Guam

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) arrived in Apra Harbor, Guam last week for a port call.

While on island, hundreds of sailors will volunteer their time to support several community service projects:

■ **Special Olympics of Guam**—Sailors will coach bowling athletes at Century Lanes Sept. 22, 10am-noon

■ **Wettengel Elementary School**—Sailors will partici-

pate in cleanup efforts Sept. 22, 8am-noon

■ **Guam Memorial Hospital (GHM)**—Volunteers will beautify the hospital Sept. 22, 8am-4pm.

■ **GMH Skilled Nursing Unit**—Volunteers will conduct various cleaning duties Sept. 22, 8am-4pm.

■ **Guam Animals In Need**—Sailors will clean up kennels and care for animals Sept. 23, 8am-noon.

■ **St. Dominick's Retirement Home**—Sailors will visit residents and assist staff members with daily activities Sept. 23, noon-4pm.

■ **P.C. Lujan Elementary School**—Sailors will speak with students about life in the Navy Sept. 24, 8am-noon.

■ **Untalan Middle School**—Sailors will conduct career presentations Sept. 24, 9:30am-2:30pm.

■ **George Washington High School**—Volunteers will discuss with students the various Navy careers and the importance of an education Sept. 24, 10:30am-2:30pm.

*George Washington* is the sixth ship in the Nimitz class aircraft carriers and the fourth U.S. Navy ship to be named after the first U.S. President George Washington. She was commissioned at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. July 4, 1992. (PR)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 24, 1999

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### Bill hopes to curb illegal business

To discourage proliferation of illegal business establishments on the island, a legislator has proposed a drastic measure that will seek penalty of \$50,000 and imprisonment of up to five years for business owners found guilty of the felony offense. Rep. David M. Apatang said his proposal would enforce regulations requiring government license on any business venture in the CNMI, noting that such requirement has oftentimes been violated due to absence of penalty provisions. "We feel that those who break our laws should be punished accordingly," he said in offering House Bill 11-478 to amend existing laws.

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### Mobil, staff to donate \$20M for disaster relief

In an expression of Exxon Mobil Corporation's and its employees deep sorrow and concern over the recent terrorist incidents, the company and its employees announced that they will contribute up to \$20 million in individual and corporate donations. Exxon Mobil will make a donation of \$5 million to meet immediate needs and will match employee, retiree, dealer, and distributor contributions around the world on a three-to-one basis. Contributions by employees and dealers of Mobil Oil Guam Micronesia/Mariana Islands, Inc. will be matched by ExxonMobil.

Sept. 24, 2002

### Saipan's own convention center eyed

In line with efforts to increase visitor arrivals in the CNMI, Rep. Andrew S. Salas has floated the idea of establishing Saipan's own convention center modeled after Hawaii's-known to be a premier venue of year-round local and international events. The Chair of the House's Commerce Committee coined the concept after a recent visit to Hawaii, where he met with the state's legislators and picked up several helpful pointers on how to improve the Northern Marianas' business and tourism sectors. The lawmaker, during his trip, had the chance to consult with Reps. Jerry L. Chang, Kenneth Hiraki as well as congresswoman and senatorial Lei Ahu Isa. He also had the opportunity to meet senators Brian T. Taniguchi, Fred Hemmings and Sam Slom, among others, during Hawaii's 9/11 commemoration ceremony.

### CPA's firefighting unit gets \$250K

The United States Fire Department authorized the release of \$250,000 to the Commonwealth Ports Authority for the procurement of a new water tanker. The new equipment is expected to help the emergency response capacity of the ports authority's Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Unit. Fire Chief Stanley C. Torres Jr. said the U.S. Fire Department, which is under the Federal Emergency Management Agency, issued the grant to the CPA-ARFF, along with 5,000 other applicants across the United States.

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# Dance school, RBC latest participants in Cash for Trash Program

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, through its Cash for Trash Program, completed two more projects this month to help keep Saipan beautiful by rewarding non-profit groups for their hard work.

The SCC Cash for Trash Program takes contributions from Chamber members and gives that money to groups conducting fund raising for their projects and worthy endeavors. Those groups, in turn, clean and restore areas on Saipan essential to our environment and to the tourism industry.

Last Sept. 15, the Pua Hinano Dance School of Saipan cleaned both sides of Beach Road from the Bank of Guam's Chalan Kanoa Branch to Mt. Carmel. The \$200 earned by Pua Hinano will be used for their trip to the Guam Micronesia Island Fair showcasing the different cultures of Micronesia.

Last Sept. 22, the Rollers Basketball Club cleaned the entire Garapan Street roadway from DFS Galleria and Bank of Guam-Garapan Branch on

Beach Road to the Bank of Saipan at the intersection of Pale Arnold Road. The Rollers Basketball Club sponsors six youth teams in the Rotary Basketball League, and their \$200 from the SCC will go toward those entry fees.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be distributing one-page leaflets to all businesses on the two routes just cleaned asking those businesses, that have just benefited from the SCC Cash for Trash Program, to help Saipan by cleaning those

roadways and sidewalks as did the non-profit groups.

Chamber president Doug Brennan stated, "We all have to do our part as a part of the

same community. We don't look around and ask if this is the government's job, or does this responsibility belong to the business owner to keep the sidewalks and beaches clean. We know people litter because they don't feel as though it's their

business not to, and we need to change that mentality."

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the CNMI's largest business organization with its 170 members, was founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1976. (PR)

## Library Friends to hold golf fundraiser for JKPL

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the group Library Friends will sponsor a fundraising golf tournament at Coral Ocean Point this Saturday.

Registration begins at 6am for only \$75 per person, inclusive of access to the banquet immediately after the game. Tee time is scheduled at 7am.

The Top 5 finishers at the Double Peoria tournament will take home \$300, \$250, \$200, \$150, and \$100.

Raffle tickets will also be sold for a chance to win a lot of exciting prizes such as Birthday Party Package from

McDonald's; \$200 worth of gift certificates from JCT Enterprise; dinner for two at Seaside Bar & Grill, and brunch for 2 at Magellan from Pacific Islands Club; Dynacraft Copperhead 325, 9 Degree driver from All-Star Sporting Goods; one-night stay at Hyatt Regency Saipan; and \$50 gift certificate from Island Apparel/Fashion Clicks.

Erlinda Naputi, JKPL Children's Library associate, noted that Pacific Trading Co. and Coral Ocean Point will donate \$5 to the library for every ticket purchased.

Naputi said they are still wait-

ing for more prizes from other businesses that pledged their donations for the event.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used to purchase new books for the library, so Naputi encouraged the community to support Saturday's golf tournament.

"We are asking all golf enthusiasts to come out and help us with our fundraising," said Naputi.

To purchase tickets, donate prizes, or for more information, contact Naputi at 235-7316, Celine Foreman at 235-7315, or Viola Deleon Guerrero at 235-7319. (Clarissa V. David)



Members of the Pua Hinano Dance School of Saipan pose with their trash bags after taking part in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Cash for Trash Program last Sept. 15.


## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS




Belated happy birthday to Amalia Jean M. Magofna. Even if it's a day later but we love ya n miss ya to the moon and beyond. Enjoy and many more to come from Randall Pangelinan, Cora Taitano, friends, and family.



Happy 2nd birthday to Hannah Victoria Aguan Cabrera! We love you so much and we wish you a very sweet and wonderful birthday! God bless! Greetings from Grandpa Boy, Grandma Sue, and the rest of the family.



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**CUC-IFB-12-025**

**CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SHOP BUILDINGS**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of new concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings at the CUC Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Facility on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).*

The project consists in general of the construction of concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings and the expansion of existing buildings located on Saipan at Sadog Tasi. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the wastewater treatment plant or the operations at the water and wastewater operations offices. The work includes construction of water maintenance shop, parking sheds, wastewater equipment storage, pump shop extension, guard house and asphalt paving improvements. The Project is to be completed in 240 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-12-025, Construction of Maintenance & Repair Shop Buildings" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 2, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.



All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **September 14, 2012** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email [kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org](mailto:kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org) and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.




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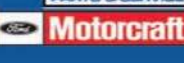

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### EDITORIAL

## Bashing China makes good sound bites, bad policy

With the election only weeks away, it should come as no surprise that President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney have taken to bashing Beijing.

Attacking China's export-subsidy machine is guaranteed to win applause at campaign stops in Ohio and other Midwest industrial swing states, where resentment of Chinese competition in manufacturing runs deep.

China's efforts to promote its export sector with cash grants, below-market loans, preferential tax treatment and free use of government-controlled property make a worthy target. No stump speech in Cleveland or Columbus is complete without a promise to level the "uneven playing field" of trade with China.

That sentiment has a basis in reality. The problem, as we see it, is that neither candidate is willing to remind voters of the benefits that accrue to the U.S. economy from free trade, even free trade with China, and the dangers of an all-out trade war.

The Obama administration on Monday filed a complaint with the World Trade Organization that accuses China of illegally subsidizing the export of automobiles and auto parts. The subsidies put U.S. manufacturers at a disadvantage and ultimately reduce the number of U.S.-based jobs in those industries.

As the trade case was filed, the president took to the campaign trail to portray himself as a fighter for the rights of American workers. Romney denounced the WTO case as "too little too late" and promised to fight even harder against China. The Chinese filed a case of their own with the WTO, challenging American duties imposed on imported appliances, paper and other goods that get foreign subsidies.

We're not opposed to untangling these disputes through the WTO. Free trade requires consistently enforced rules to keep it fair, just as any free market does. The WTO, bureaucratic though it is, provides a workable if slow-moving forum for resolution.

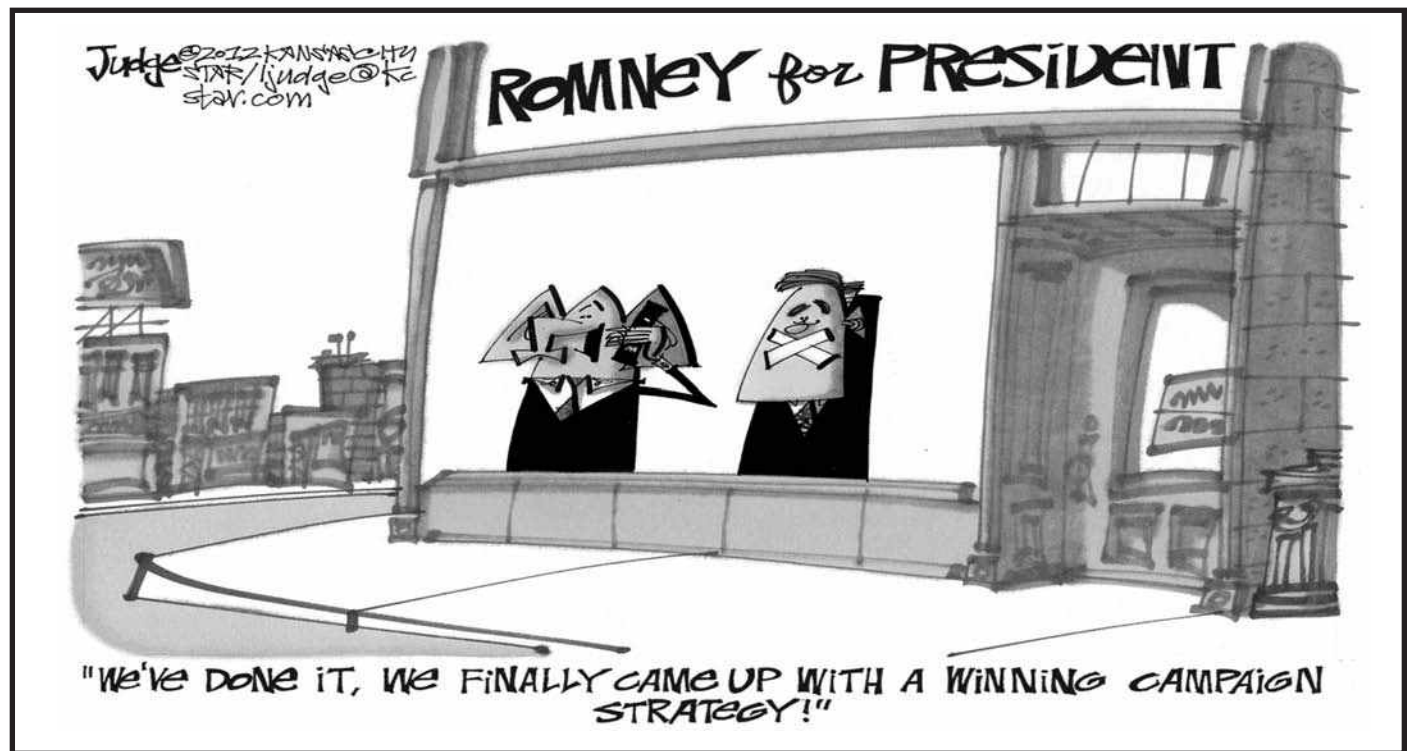
We hope, however, that Obama and Romney resist the urge to resort to protectionism. The U.S. has everything to gain from reducing trade barriers and promoting the international flow of tariff-free goods. Trade liberalization will create jobs in the U.S. Trade crackdowns can lead to a disruptive cycle of retaliation that hurts more than it helps.

The latest U.S. case focuses on artificially cheap Chinese exports, which hurts the U.S. automotive industry but not U.S. shoppers. Consumers buying the goods benefit by paying a lower price, and the range of activities needed to bring imports to market—everything from shipping to retailing—creates jobs.

The most damaging trade barriers for U.S. commercial interests are found in China's domestic market. Subsidies and regulations that entrench certain Chinese firms prevent rival American goods and services from competing for business inside the Asian nation. State control has made it impossible for foreign companies to take the lead in a range of industries. Further, the theft of intellectual property discourages trade for cutting-edge foreign goods. No one wants their hot new product reverse-engineered and knocked off in short order. The Chinese policy of a weak yuan-to-dollar exchange rate doesn't help either.

Prying open China's domestic market to foreign competition should be the top U.S. trade priority. Achieving that goal would

See BASHING on Next Page



## Hope springs eternal!

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is a former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.*



If you are like me, you are feeling despondent at all the shenanigans that we encounter daily. Some of us have already fled the islands or thinking of doing so because of the depression surrounding us. Some of us have become bitter and angry at them. But whatever our feelings we must not give up. To some of us reading this last statement it may sound corny. But it is very true—hope does spring eternal!

Though today we have sunk to a new low in our political and economic levels we mustn't give up. Yes, our governor is in the docket being asked to resign or be impeached. Our utilities plant is constantly raising its rates. Our health center is on its last breath if not in a coma. All the government employees planning to retire after employment have had their future crushed with the confusion the retirement fund is in. Many people are frantically seeking employment of any sort or lined up for food stamps in desperation. What is the hope we should look for? Where are the opportunities we seek? How can I say that hope springs eternal?

We have a choice—either give up or go on despite the odds against winning. I am not going to sermonize but tell you bits of stories about people who believed that hope springs eternal. Than you judge what you wish to do.

Until recently, the story of the children of the Holocaust was rarely told. Go to your Internet and open the pages that tell their stories. There is 5-year-old Lili who was separated from her family and hidden in a convent. Read the story of 7-year-old Krystyna, who lived for 14 months in a sewer, never seeing the light of day, and 14-year-old Alexander, who learned about death on a fateful day in the ghetto. They speak for the hope that their friends and siblings—the one and a half million children who were murdered during the Holocaust—never had.

Check out the Matador Network which relates eight incredible survival stories. There is the account of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition of 1914. Read how he and his five men survived grueling privation to survive. Yet for them the candle of hope never dimmed.

Imagine spending two weeks in an ice cave high up the slopes of New Zealand's highest mountains after a blizzard hit. Despite the hardship they suffered, the men are still climbing mountains. One of the men named Inglis became the first amputee to conquer Mr. Everest, losing five fingertips and more flesh off his legs to frostbite, though none of his strength of character.

The next account is almost unbelievable. Imagine amputating your arm with a blunt knife. But on May 1, 2003, it was the only option left to Aron Ralston after an 800-lb boulder fell on his arm, pinning it to a canyon wall. After five days with little food and water he had was gone, he related later in his book "Between a Rock and a Hard Place" how he managed to literally break free, first using the boulder to leverage his arm until the bones snapped and then saw-

ing away at the muscle and tendon with his pocket knife. Talk about courage and hope!

There are thousands of other stories of bravery and determination for hope. But I hope these few will at least remind us of our despair and feeling of hopelessness whether it has to do with our government or personal life. Hope does spring eternal.

We can change all of our unhappiness if we truly wish to. This November we can change our legislators. One way to seek improvement is to consider carefully whether we should or should not vote for any legislator who has been there for at least four or more terms. Has he done a good job or just holding on to a job? Ask the candidates how they have prepared themselves to gain our confidence and vote.

Consider going back to our land for farming. We can become the food basket for Guam and other countries. Our land is filled with jewels waiting to be cultivated and taken to market. And yes, the means to transport the goods to market is available which I will describe in detail next week.

Let us begin to think as business people instead of as government workers. A business person understands that he must have a product to offer to customers. He also understands that he must satisfy that customer if he wishes to make a profit. Instead we demand much and offer little in return to our investors, thereby scaring them away.

See how other states or countries do it. For example, let us study Singapore's private-public relationship concept. Why is this country considered the best and easiest place to do business in? How does Singapore deal with its investors? It is a classic example of what we should consider. Another country to study is Switzerland. What secret do these small countries have in dealing with investors?

Let us also review what we did to scare away our previous investors. Several years ago we were flooded with Japanese investors, yet today almost none exist. Yes, I know the Japanese economy has faltered quite a bit, but we are doing nothing to regain any of them back. Meanwhile they go off investing in other countries that welcome them.

Are we also going to scare off our current Korean and Chinese investors? What are we doing to work closer with them? Please let's study what we have done in the past and how we can improve our performance. We have many investors knocking on our door, but we keep slamming the door in their faces. Perhaps the best place is to begin with our present investors to find out how we can improve our relations with them. Remember business is a two way street. Both parties must profit or the business will close. Believe it or not.

This past week I entertained a gentleman from Michigan who desires to settle on Saipan and transfer his business here. He explored the island and was astonished at the opportunities he saw here. He is determined to return and set up shop here. What did he see that we who live here do not? Think about it. Yes, hope does spring eternal.

Almost every month I receive inquiries from businesses wanting to do something here. Just two weeks ago, a Russian investor was interested in providing alternative energy here. We met and discussed some of the problems with that. But he said he will return after more careful consideration.

Yes, we receive many serious investor inquiries. Let's treat them with respect and in a business-like manner. Though we have little money, we have assets which can be used to create actual wealth.

Fellow citizens, let us keep striving to find better solutions to our problems. We may never fully solve them but we can hope that we will. Please forgive my sermonizing, but we need to be reminded that yes, better days are ahead if we keep striving. Join hands with

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# No shame for Kate—only for stalkers

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You’d think that being a gorgeous, charming, sophisticated young princess fully accessorized right down to having an adoring, healthy and attentive young king-to-be at one’s side would have solved most problems, wouldn’t you?

I’ve had plenty of off-days when any combination of those elements—gorgeous, charming, king-to-be at my side—would have gone a long way toward cheering me up.

But we’ve learned this week that even Kate Middleton isn’t enviable—at least not all the time.

This week’s collective cultural copping of a feel has transformed the Duchess of Cambridge into merely a pair of breasts, the holder of the Royal Rack. Gone from sight and sound are the young woman’s good works and bon mots; eclipsed are the dazzling smiles and apparently affectionate interactions with her delighted audiences in

Britain and abroad.

She’s been reduced to a just another girl gone wild, a young woman without a bathing suit top sunning herself on a deck. She could be a Page Three girl from the English tabloids or a cast member from Jersey Shore (although she’d need a bigger tan. That’s right: tan).

The paparazzi wanted to get those photographs of Middleton because she’s “somebody.” Yet the effect of being photographed in such a way is to be cut down to size: to be made into “any body,” to be made into an object. Finally, it is to be treated like nobody at all: just a pair of breasts and a behind.

Mostly people seemed disappointed that there weren’t little crowns on her, or some other distinguishing features. 32B or 32 not to be? That’s the only question.

Ask any woman when she was first reduced to body parts—as if being evaluated by Perdue for sale by the pound—and she’ll tell you. Most of us remember.

Mine was when I was walking home from school by myself in the eighth grade. I was wearing a new pea coat I’d bought with baby-sitting money. This was the early 1970s and I looked more like a stowaway from Palermo than a chorus girl; I looked like the old cartoon character “Dondi” except with longer hair.

Whether it was the hair or the coat, it was enough to get me noticed by a Monte Carlo filled with high school guys who drove by and shouted really dirty stuff. Really. Dirty.

I was deeply ashamed of myself. And that’s the part that still gets

me: I didn’t do anything. Why should I have been embarrassed? The guys were the morons. They were the ones engaged in nasty behavior. If their mothers heard what they said, they would have hit them over the head with frying pans—and not just once.

But instead I was the one who slunk down, red-faced, hating my new jacket.

Some of Middleton’s critics argue that, as a royal supported by the state, she should have known better than to reveal her naughty bits except indoors with the blackout curtains drawn, as if she were living in during the Blitz. Or under Shariah law, perhaps.

But of what, exactly, is Middleton meant to be ashamed? Is she being punished for making us want to look at her? C’mon, she’s one of the most photographed women in the world. She’s not some poor girl with low self-esteem who misjudged how to become popular and removed her top for Twitter.

Nor is the princess hoisting up a frothing pint of Whitbread and flinging her breasts into the camera as if proclaiming “Oyik! These belong to Britain!”

The photographs of Middleton are pretty far from lascivious. They have all the illicit sexuality of the puppy tugging at the bathing suit bottom of the 4-year-old in the Coppertone ad. Sure, you can make that image erotic if you choose, but if you do, you’re probably already on the predator’s list and have other stuff to worry about.

One thing Middleton—or any other woman—shouldn’t have to worry about in the 21st century is being ashamed of herself for having a body. Just shout “Honi soit qui mal y pense,” that phrase on Great Britain’s royal coat of arms meaning “You’ve got the problem, buddy, not me” whenever the paparazzi, or guys in Monte Carlos, go by.

# Gi Halom Sisonyan Dibi

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Essu hu tuge’ pot dibin iya Marianas na esta binaya’yu’ dumeskute. Lau i rason na sige ha’ hu repite sa’ gi uttimu besis hita ni tautau para u chinahlau este na obligasion.

Rason? Mampos megai dibin i administrasion pa’gu ya gi mismu tiempu mas menos i rinikohen kontribusion tax gi sakan.

Pot ihemplu: Ha didibi i fondun man-retirau kase \$320 miyon pesos. Dispues pinalo’pu’ este ‘nai sige ha aksepta gastu diariu gi hilu’ dibi siha. Esta kontodu hospitat makat mafondu kabales.

Mampos kohu i kinalamten na biahe na sumen nachatsaga gi dispues i signifkasioña i masusede kontra i tautau siha gi señgsoñg. Los uttimus, guaha siha setbisiu siempre u fan ma-utot pot taya’ fondu.

I megai dibi pinalolopu’ ‘nai sige ha’ ha chahlau i kakaghalom na dibi siha pagu pot no u fontun operasion gobiernamentu.

Mientras sige abarambau i kinalamten pot taya’ fondu, guaha gi halom man-sabiu siempre u rekomenda masubren tax para u siña i gobiernamentu kalamten. Makat na dibina gi halom sumen fote na paygon ha’ilas fondu.

Mattu gi ha kastiga hit i che’chu’ federat ni inatisa mas ni man-daño-su siha na areglu guine. Hita mismu—ginen representanteta gi lehislatura—lumunu kinalamtenta ni finañagun chatkonsidera siha na areglu.

Pot ihemplu: Man-mapoñga i bisnis siha mas tax yan apas ‘nai mamatmus gi halom guaguan kandet yan hanom. Masupone na siña mas lamegai kontribusion tax. ‘Nai lamegai humuchum pettan niha ti masusede i masupopone na kontribusion. Che’chu’ muron yan

tatamudu i masusede. Estague’ na ha hohogse hit pagu chetnot kara’ gi kahan iya Marianas.

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## Atlibes pot chatplanu

Katkuet estadu pa’gu sige ha utot apas yan tax siha, kontodu chat-areglu na lai siha ni pumunu’ i kinalamten bisnis gi lugat niha. I tatkilu tax yan areglun kastigu kontra i bisnis dumulalag lamegai ginen California. Man-hanau guatu Texas yan otu estadu siha ‘nai mas libianu i apas tax yan areglu.

‘Nai un’ kastiga gi hilu’ disareglu i bisnis, sumen chadeg i man-ladañkulu man-mama’ disision dumiñgu i lugat. Piot ya sumen makat mamatinas ganansia pot man-pinalolopu’ kantidan tax ni sinigunduye ni gaddun na areglu siha.

Estague’ masusede guine gi alacha ‘nai man-hanau i mas mandañkulu siha na bisnis guine ginen Japon.

Guaha buente kampu para ta kombida tatte i hagas man-atuñgo’ta. Lau siempre umanañga haf’ na areglu man-mapega pot konduktan bisnis guine. Yangin i presente na areglu siha para u fan masustene, pues megaiña u fan hanau guatu otu siha lugat gi oriya ‘nai mas lagse’ bumisnis.

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## Inafuetsas modetnu na lina’la’

Antes ti megai atborututa gi hagas soñgsoñg. ‘An oga’an, mañgahu-lu’ hit man-mama’ amotsa dispues ta aregla hit para i che’chu’ yan eskuela. Kada guma’ guaha areglu deste oga’an esta i minachum atdau. Ti megai tane’ para i man-hoben sa’ motmut tarehan niha

entalu’ i gima’ yan i gualu’.

Tatnai man-chathinassu hit pot apas guma’, taf’kau klasen insurance, guaguan na apas kandet ni lumalachai fuetsan pottanmonedan familia, disiente na karetan familia, guaguan na apas hospitat, yan otu siha apas ni pumalolopu’ hit. Man-homlu’ lamayot patte i tautau-ta siha sa’ esta ayu na tiempu man-makalama sa’ diariu man-hahanau para i gualu. Metgot i dinaña familia pot rinikohen sentada, diariu.

Layeye muna’ la libianu finapos mañainata sa’ man-mapatte i tautau siha guma’ dispues de finagpu’ i gera ni hinatsan i militat. Kontodu mañainahu man-mana’e gima’ niha. Hombre dispues de hu huhusga haf’ na gai kemon sanhalom lau tatnai in’ isa. Guiya este i kemon atileg (flush toilet) ni otdinariu patte gi gima’ta pagu. Hombre, komun sanhiyuñg i usun i tautau siha guihe na tiempu.

‘Nai mas megai man-mahatsa guma’ ni man-gai komun yan bañun sanhalom, mas lokue’ ha afuetsas nesessidat añgoghuyun na hanom para usun kada familia. Ayu na hana’ keke’yau pagu kinalamtenta ‘an matai i hanom siuda. Guiya este i modetnu na kinalamtenta pagu.

I modetnu na linala’ta pagu mampos finifiñut ni guaguan gastu. Todu kinalamten-ta ha demanda difirientes klasen apas. Kontodu apas para sasalaguan mauleg gastroña. De dios mihu!

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Pot Dibi: Apmam si Lusifet ti man-apase dibin ‘nai finahane as San Pedro makinan fax. Binisita papa’ un’ taloa’ne ya ha abisa si Lusifet na yangin ti man-apase na mes para u kineni’ halom gi kotte. Chumaleg si Lusifet ya ilegña, “Ya manu Duñg ‘nai para u fañgone abugaumu?” Magpu i nobena!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# An angry concerned citizen

The disturbing news from CHC this week is shocking, and as U.S. citizens, it is our responsibility to do something about it. To recap the news, a U.S. federal agency has given our hospital an immediate jeopardy notification from an inspection this week, and apparently physicians familiar with CHC aren’t surprised.

Those results included a lack of a defibrillator, and deficiencies in the operating room and pediatric facilities, and I’m not medically qualified to elaborate on other areas of need. It is my responsibility however, as a resident and U.S. citizen, to demand answers as to why the general public wasn’t informed of the absence of a defibrillator (which hasn’t been operational for a long time), and why the lack of adequate emergency pediatric facilities was covered-up from Saipan parents.

This seems criminal depraved indifference by hospital leadership to every person and visitor to the CNMI. Now we all have an ethical responsibility as good citizens to warn inbound tourists about the CHC crisis. Tourists that have already suffered or families of visitors that died here (especially drowning and heart attack victims since there wasn’t a working defib), should hold the CNMI, the hospital director, the tour agents, the hotels, and the airlines responsible if any had prior knowledge of the severity of this crisis.

We have now been informed by a federal agency and have a moral obligation to inform those tourists of the potential danger. And I hope the U.S. takes swift action on this matter and prosecutes everyone involved in the cover-up to the fullest extent of the law.

Consider the governor’s appointee hospital director traveling at our hospitals expense while trying to execute a very shady contract, all while the public wasn’t informed about the lack of a defibrillator; I am at a loss for words over this atrocity.

I demand Gov. Fitial resigns before his impeachment is finished, I demand Juan Babauta resign immediately, and I demand the DOI and Justice Department investigate this matter until public safety is secured.

**Ron Hodges**  
*Saipan*

# A letter of appreciation

On Sept. 1, 2012 I went and attended a funeral service for the late retired Ports Police Captain Alejandro DLC. Aldan. The funeral service was a successful one. An honor guard service was given to the late captain with a 15-gun salute by Ports Police Honor Guard and Rapid Response Team.

The late captain deserved the honor guard service for being a public servant. At this point I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and appreciate the following Commonwealth Ports Authority board members, executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, Ports Police chief Jordan Kosam, assistant chief of operation J.D. Dela Cruz, Captain Raymond K. Omar, Honor Guards, Rapid Response Team, and lastly to those names that I did not mention including the public. Again, thank you all for a great and successful service. The families of the late captain and the public would never forget this honor guard service.

In conclusion to this letter of appreciation, includes the late Ports Police Captain Tommy Alexander and chief Joseph A. Reyes.

God bless you all “

**Ray Agulto**  
*Kannat Tabla*

# HOPE

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me and let’s do it together. Our society is what we make it.

In my old age I truly believe that hope does spring eternal. If hope does not spring eternal than what is the worth of any man? All our teachings and beliefs would become lies. Tomorrow is a better day because we want it to be. So let’s start climbing up the first rung out of the tunnel. Remember whatever the mind of man can conceive he can achieve!

SMILE—it is the key that fits the lock of everybody’s heart.

# BASHING

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pay off in every way for American companies and their employees. It’s a smarter strategy than seeking to shut down the flow of Chinese exports to the U.S.

Scapegoating Beijing for a weak U.S. job market makes a good sound bite on the campaign trail, but it won’t put the U.S. back on the path to growth and prosperity. Free trade will. The folks in Washington should pick their targets carefully.






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88 ° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Palau	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Majuro	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 80

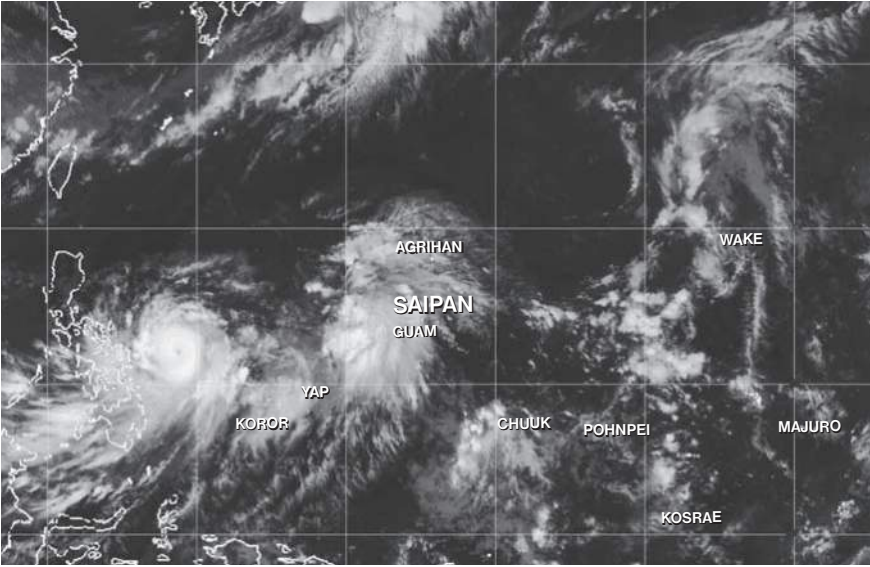
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 52
Beijing	Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 61
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 51
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 79 ▼ 62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 41
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 52
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 66
Paris	Showers	▲ 67 ▼ 53
Pusan	Windy	▲ 74 ▼ 65
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 67
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 51
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 67 ▼ 55
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 60
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 66
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 53

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
9:35 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:05 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:26 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from Typhoon Jelawat centered at 12N129E to a weak circulation centered west of Guam at 12N140E and then turns southeastward to end near 2N155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from Jelawat to near Yap and Koror are within 200 miles of a line from 12N130E to 8N137E and near the Mariana Islands within 250 miles of a line from 10N141E to 19N144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are also near Chuuk between 8N and the equator from 147E to 154E. An upper low is well northwest of Wake Island while an associated surface trough runs from 20N162E northeastward to beyond 25N165E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Wake are within 150 miles of the trough axis. A surface trough near Kosrae extends northwestward from 3N163E to 17N158E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 200 miles of the trough axis. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Majuro to the east of a line from 7N174E to 3N174E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:12 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:09 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:09 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:43 PM	12:30 AM
Tuesday	2:33 PM	1:28 AM
Wednesday	3:19 PM	2:25 AM
Thursday	4:01 PM	3:19 AM
Friday	4:42 PM	4:11 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
U2608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
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FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# Business

## Apple, Samsung demand changes to \$1B verdict

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Neither side in a bitter patent battle is satisfied with Apple Inc.'s \$1 billion jury verdict over Samsung Electronics Co. after a three-week trial this summer.

Samsung wants a new trial. Apple is seeking an additional \$707 million in damages and interest.

The two companies filed a blizzard of legal papers late Friday and early Saturday with their demands that a federal judge in San Jose significantly amend—or toss out altogether—the jury's Aug. 24 verdict.

The jury found that 26 Samsung products ripped off Apple's technology at the heart of its iPhones and iPads.

"Samsung made a calculated business decision to copy the industrial designs, graphical user interfaces, and touch-screen navigation technology of the iPhone and iPad," Apple lawyers wrote in court papers, arguing for the additional damages. "Samsung has reaped extraordinary re-

wards from its wrongful sale of iPhone and iPad clones by taking market share, revenues, and profits from Apple."

The Apple lawyers contend that the "massive damage to the iPhone's distinctive product identity caused by Samsung's sale of millions of iPhone clones is irreversible."

U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh has scheduled a Dec. 6 hearing to discuss the myriad issues raised by both companies. Samsung says it will appeal if Koh turns down its demands.

The two companies are locked in a ferocious struggle for supremacy in the global smartphone market. Samsung is the worldwide leaders in smartphone sales, securing a market share of 33 percent in the second quarter, up from 17 percent a year ago. Apple's fell slightly to 17 percent, from 19 percent a year ago.

Apple accuses Samsung of essentially selling knockoffs of the Cupertino-based company's iPhones. Apple filed

a lawsuit in San Jose federal court, alleging patent infringement. It was the latest legal action between the two companies, who are battling in courts in 10 countries over smartphone technology.

On Friday, Samsung asked the San Jose judge for a new trial. The company's lawyer argued that the jury's verdict was unreasonable and unsupported by the testimony and evidence. The company's lawyers also complained that the judge's strict constraints on the number of witnesses and testimony time deprived it of a fair trial.

"The Court's constraints on trial time, witnesses and exhibits were unprecedented for a patent case of this complexity and magnitude, and prevented Samsung from presenting a full and fair case in response to Apple's many claims," the company's lawyer wrote in court documents.

Representatives of both companies couldn't be reached for comment.

## Many US stores report being sold out of iPhone 5s

By **JOSHUA FREED**  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

It was possible to walk into a store Saturday and buy an iPhone 5. But it took some hunting.

Some stores reported having Apple's newest phone available for walk-up customers, though not all versions of it. A random check of about a dozen stores indicated that most were sold out.

A Verizon store in New York City said the 32 and 64 gigabyte models, but not the 16 GB version, were available. A Sprint store in a suburb of St. Paul, Minn., said all but the

most expensive 64 GB iPhone 5s were sold out.

"Before we were even scheduled to open, we were pretty much out," said Eric Rayburn, a worker at a Sprint store in Phoenix.

The iPhone 5 went on sale Friday, igniting intense interest around the world. Apple's website said phones bought online would ship in three to four weeks. Verizon's website said they would ship by Oct. 19.

It's hardly uncommon for supply shortages to make it difficult to get new iPhones in the first days after their release. For

Apple, the iPhone introduction is the biggest revenue driver of the year. Analysts say the company will likely sell millions of phones in the first few days.

There were long lines Friday at Apple's stores in Asia, Europe and North America as customers pursued the new smartphone. Apple and the phone companies haven't provided sales figures from the first day. Apple is expected to announce early results Monday.

Last year, Apple said on the Monday after the launch of the iPhone 4S that it had sold 4 million in the first three days.

day would help end America's dependence on oil. So it seemed like a good thing in August when sales of the \$40,000 car set a monthly record of 2,800. But a closer look shows that things aren't what they seem for the cutting-edge car. Sales rose mostly because of discounts of almost \$10,000, or 25 percent of the Volt's sticker price, according to figures from TrueCar.com, an auto pricing website. Other pricing services gave similar numbers, and dealers confirmed that steeply discounted Volts are selling better than a few months ago.

### Trader Joe's recalls peanut butter

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The grocery store chain Trader Joe's is recalling peanut butter that has been linked to 29 salmonella illnesses in 18 states. The Food and Drug Administration and the federal Centers for Disease Control said Saturday that the store's Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter, which is sold nationwide, is the likely source of the outbreak. The agencies are investigating whether any other items sold at the store could be contaminated. More than three-fourths of those who became ill were children under the age of 18. No deaths have been reported.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### AA apologizes to passengers for flight problems

**DALLAS (AP)**—American Airlines is apologizing to its best customers for the recent increase in delayed and canceled flights. The airline sent email messages Friday to members of its AAdvantage loyalty program saying it was sorry for the inconvenience. AAdvantage president Suzanne L. Rubin said the airline added staff in maintenance, reservations and at airports to help travelers. Rubin said if delays will cause someone to arrive more than an hour late, American will try to book the passenger on another flight—even on another airline—or cancel the reservation and give a refund. American, based in Fort Worth, Texas, blames an increase in delays and cancellations on a surge of maintenance requests filed by crews and by an uptick in pilots calling in sick. The pilots' union says there is no organized sick-out or work slowdown.

#### GM offers big discounts to boost Volt sales

**DETROIT (AP)**—General Motors rolled out the Chevrolet Volt two years ago with lofty sales goals and the promise of a new technology that some-

# Nation

## Obama: 'top-down' economics never works

**MILWAUKEE (AP)**—President Barack Obama worked to squash GOP hopes for a resurgence in pivotal Wisconsin on Saturday, pushing back against his GOP rival's complaints about an overly intrusive government and attracting his biggest crowd of the campaign. Mitt Romney took precious time away from campaigning in the battleground states to troll for cash in California and kept up his criticism of the president for fostering a culture of dependency.

The president faulted Romney for advancing a top-down economic approach that "never works."

"The country doesn't succeed when only the folks at the very top are doing well," he said. "We succeed when the middle class is doing well."

Obama, speaking to an energized throng of 18,000 people in an at-times-rainy outdoor amphitheater, made a point of renewing his pledge to create a million manufacturing jobs as he campaigned in a state whose manufacturing industry has been hard hit in recent years.

With just six weekends left

## Maused NY man: I wanted to be one with the tiger

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Before his now-infamous tangle with a Bronx Zoo tiger, David Villalobos adorned his Facebook page with New Age odes to Mother Earth and affirmations like, "Be love and fearless."

Police said Saturday that Villalobos had told detectives that it was without fear that he leaped from an elevated train into the animal's den. His reason, they said, was that "he wanted to be one with the tiger."

Villalobos also recounted how, after he landed on all fours, the 400-pound beast attacked him and dragged around by his foot, said New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne. Despite serious



AP

President Barack Obama waves to the crowd as he arrives at a campaign event at the Summerfest Grounds at Henry Maier Festival Park, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, in Milwaukee.

before Election Day, both candidates were devoting considerable time to raising cash to continue bankrolling the deluge of ads already saturating hotly contested states.

Baseball great Hank Aaron supplied the star power at

Obama's Milwaukee fundraisers.

"As one who wore the number 44 on his back for decades, I ask you to join me in helping the 44th president of the United States hit a grand slam," said Aaron.

injuries, he claimed he was able to get his wish and pet the tiger—a male Siberian named Bashuta—before his rescue, the spokesman added.

Based on those admissions and a complaint from the zoo, police charged the hospitalized Villalobos with misdemeanor trespassing on Saturday. It was unclear if the 25-year-old real estate agent had an attorney, and attempts to reach relatives were unsuccessful.

Villalobos' big-cat exploits Friday afternoon were an instant tabloid sensation: A front page New York Post story on Saturday was headlined "MAULED!" The Daily News countered with "ZOO-ICIDE," speculating a death wish.

Police had said earlier that Villalobos admitted to a police officer at the scene that he made a conscious decision to jump—"Everyone has a reason for what they do in life," he was quoted as saying—but that his motives were murky and an arrest uncertain.

That changed when, during a follow-up interview Saturday, Villalobos told detectives that "his leap was definitely not a suicide attempt, but a desire to be one with the tiger," Browne said.

Browne said Villalobos was charged because he had gone "beyond a perimeter security fence and an electrified wire designed to keep the public out and the tiger in."

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Former CIA operative Edwin Wilson dies at 84

**SEATTLE (AP)**—Edwin Wilson set up front companies abroad for the CIA, made millions in the arms trade and entertained generals and congressmen at his sprawling Virginia farm. His high-powered, jet-setting life in the 1970s and early 1980s followed a career in the CIA. But it came crashing down when he was branded a traitor and convicted in 1983 for shipping 20 tons of C-4 plastic explosives to Libya. After two decades in prison, Wilson finally got the conviction overturned, convincing a judge that he had continued to work informally for the agency. The man who once posed as a rich American businessman abroad spent his final years living with his brother near Seattle.

#### Houston officer kills double amputee in wheelchair

**HOUSTON (AP)**—A Houston police officer shot and killed a one-armed, one-legged man in a wheelchair Saturday inside a group home after police say the double amputee threatened the officer and aggressively waved a metal object that turned out to be a pen. Police spokeswoman Jodi Silva said the man cornered the officer in his wheelchair and was making threats while trying to stab the officer with the pen. At the time, the officer did not know what the metal object was that the man was waving, Silva said. She said the man came "within inches to a foot" of the officer and did not follow instructions to calm down and remain still.



# Asia

## China sidesteps South China Sea island disputes

**BEIJING (AP)**—China has sought to soothe neighbors it has feuded with over territory in the South China Sea, a stark contrast to recent angry statements and violent street protests targeting Japan over a similar dispute.

Vice President Xi Jinping—China's presumed next leader—emphasized economic ties and civic exchanges in remarks Friday to delegates from the 10 countries that make up the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

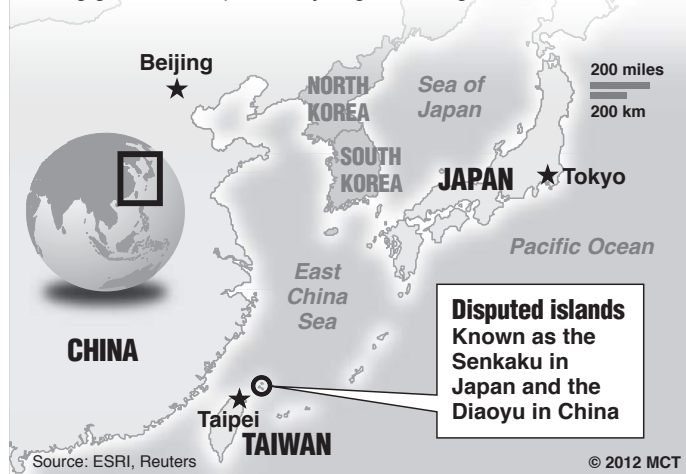
Xi played down South China Sea territorial disputes with the Philippines, Vietnam and others that have flared up again this year.

"I hope the situation would not reverse backward and bilateral relations could come back to the track of normal development," Xi told the Philippines' interior and local government secretary, Mar Roxas, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency.

In his address at the annual meeting with ASEAN members, held in the southern Chinese city of Nanning, Xi said China was committed to "common development and steadily improving cooperation mechanisms in various fields." With two-way trade growing 20 percent annually to \$362.8 billion last year, China and its southern neighbors are increasingly intertwined, requiring even greater

### Islands dispute continues

*China has warned Japan after Japan bought some uninhabited islands that both countries claim. The islands are located near rich fishing grounds and potentially huge oil and gas reserves.*



cooperation across a range of fields, Xi said.

The contrasting approaches to the territorial feuds highlight Beijing's desire to keep the South China Sea disputes in check and avoid drawing in China's chief rival, the United States, which maintains close security ties with many countries in the region. While eager to assert its claims, Beijing needs a peaceful regional environment to achieve its development goals and has a limited capacity to handle multiple diplomatic crises simultaneously.

Fury at Japan followed the Japanese government's pur-

chase last week of islands in the East China Sea from their private owners. The tiny, uninhabited archipelago, which is controlled by Japan but claimed by China, has been a lightning rod for simmering Chinese hatred toward Tokyo deriving from Japan's brutal invasion and occupation of parts of China in the first half of the 20th century.

On Wednesday, Xi told U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta that Japan must "rein in its behavior," while Defense Minister Liang Guanglie said China reserved the right to take unspecified "further actions" over the issue.

## Bangladesh police, prophet film protesters clash

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)**—Scores of people were injured Saturday in clashes in Bangladesh's capital between police and hundreds of demonstrators, as protests continued in the Muslim world against a film produced in the United States that denigrates Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

In Pakistan, where more than 20 people died Friday in clashes in cities throughout the country, a Cabinet minister offered a \$100,000 reward for the death of the filmmaker.

Railways Minister Ghulam Ahmad Balor told The Associated Press that he would pay the

reward out of his own pocket. He urged the Taliban and al-Qaida to perform the "sacred duty" of helping locate and kill the filmmaker.

The film has sparked violent protests throughout the Muslim world that resulted in the deaths of dozens, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya.

In Bangladesh, police fired tear gas and used batons on Saturday to disperse the stone-throwing protesters, who were from about a dozen Islamic groups.

The protesters burned several vehicles, including a police van, witnesses said.

Dozens of protesters were arrested at the demonstration and inside the nearby National Press Club, where participants took refuge, a Dhaka Metropolitan Police official said on condition of anonymity in line with police policy. Police and witnesses said scores of people were injured.

The clash erupted when authorities attempted to halt the demonstration, police said. Authorities have banned all protests near the city's main Baitul Mokarram mosque since Friday, when more than 2,000 people marched and burned an effigy of President Barack Obama.

at the palace, including at least 1,220 pairs of Imelda Marcos' shoes.

### Nuclear protesters briefly block Indian port

**CHENNAI, India (AP)**—A government official says thousands of fishermen in nearly 500 boats blocked a port for nearly two hours, protesting construction of a nuclear power plant in southern India. The official said nearly 3,000 protesters demonstrated on Saturday against the loading of nuclear fuel in the first unit of the Russian-built reactor, about 700 kilometers (435 miles) south of Chennai, the Tamil Nadu state capital. He spoke on condition of anonymity. Construction of the plant has been delayed by protests by residents and anti-nuclear groups in the past year concerned about safety following the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster in Japan last year.

# World

## Syrian rebels move command from Turkey to Syria

**BEIRUT (AP)**—The leaders of the rebel Free Syrian Army said Saturday they moved their command center from Turkey to Syria with the aim of uniting rebels and speeding up the fall of President Bashar Assad's regime.

Brig. Gen. Mustafa al-Sheikh, who heads the FSA's Military Council, told The Associated Press that the group made the move last week. He would not say where the new headquarters is located or give other details.

The FSA is the most prominent of the rebel groups trying to topple Assad, though its authority over networks of fighters in Syria is limited. Its commanders have been criticized for being based in Turkey while thousands are killed inside Syria.

Despite the announcement of the command move, rebels still have to rely on Turkey as a rear base for supplies and reinforcements. In the past few months, rebels have captured wide swaths of Syrian territory bordering Turkey, along with three border crossings, allowing them to ferry supplies and people into Syria.

FSA commander Col. Riad al-Asaad announced the move of the command center in a video with the title "Free Syrian Army Communique Number 1 from Inside." Wearing a military uniform and surrounded by a dozen gunmen, the commander said the aim is to "start the plan to liberate Damascus soon, God willing."

Al-Sheikh, the other top FSA commander, said moving

the command "will speed up the fall of the regime because it will give a big boost to the morale of rebels and there will be a command to follow-up on operations."

"There are liberated areas now and it's better for the command to be with the rebels instead of being abroad," al-Sheikh said in a phone interview from Turkey. The general said he has been going back and forth to Syria.

In recent months, rebels have succeeded in taking the fight to Damascus, but the regime has reasserted control in many areas. In the summer, rebels also launched an offensive on Syria's largest city, Aleppo, and are holding several neighborhoods there, despite daily battles with regime forces.

## Italian police report 'Catch Me If You Can' ruse

**ROME (AP)**—Italian police describe it as a real-life sequel to "Catch Me If You Can," the hit movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio in the true story about an ingenious con artist masquerading as a commercial airline pilot.

An unemployed 32-year-old Italian man was stopped at Turin's Caselle airport on suspicion he successfully used false IDs, a cap and uniform to convince a crew he was a pilot and let him fly for free inside the cockpit aboard a commercial flight from Munich, Germany, to Turin, Carabinieri paramilitary police said Saturday.

Police said two real pilots flew the Air Dolomiti plane on the flight in April. The man, who wasn't identified, didn't touch the controls while in the cockpit. Police caught up with

the man at the Turin airport terminal Wednesday after tailing him for months and receiving a tip. On his Facebook profile, the man also falsely bragged he was a commercial pilot and claimed he was promoted to captain's rank while still young.

A police statement said the suspect was cited for suspicion of putting at risk the security of air transport and "usurping a title," and was allowed to stay free on his own recognition while the investigation continues.

"On at least one occasion in 2012, pretending to be a pilot of a foreign commercial airline, and with a fake name, he succeeded in flying as the third pilot in the cockpit," the statement said.

When police caught up with him, the suspect was dressed

in a pilot's uniform, but without any company logo on it, and was sipping coffee at a bar near the check-in area in the terminal and hadn't passed through security. A police spokesman, who declined to be identified, said it didn't appear that the man was planning on using the same ruse that day and that it wasn't known if he had pulled off the trick on any other flights.

Air Dolomiti is part of the German airline Lufthansa.

"We know the case," Lufthansa spokesman Christoph Meier said. He declined to give any details, but insisted that nobody, not even a staff pilot, would be able to fly aboard one of the carrier's planes without having a ticket, indicating that the Italian might have had a passenger ticket.

## Anti-militia protests show frailty of Libyan state

**BENGAZI, Libya (AP)**—Residents of Libya's second-largest city warned on Saturday of a "revolution" to get rid of armed militias and Islamic extremists after protests spurred in part by the killing of the U.S. ambassador left four dead in an unprecedented eruption of public frustration.

In a sign of how weak the country's post-Moammar Gadhafi leadership remains, authorities tried to stem popular anger, pleading that some of the militias are needed to keep the country safe since the police and army are incapable of doing so.

A mass protest Friday against militias against the compounds of several armed groups in Benghazi lasted into early Saturday, as thousands stormed the headquarters of Ansar al-Shariah, an Islamic

extremist group suspected in the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate.

They drove out the Ansar gunmen and set fire to cars in the compound—once a major base for Gadhafi's feared security forces—and then moved onto the base of a second Islamist militia, the Rafallah Sahati Brigade. Brigade fighters opened fire to keep the protesters at bay.

The state news agency said four protesters were killed and 70 injured in the overnight violence.

There were no new protests on Saturday, but the city of 1 million in eastern Libya was brimming with anger, rumors and conspiracy theories.

The bodies of six soldiers were found in the morning dumped on the outskirts of the city, shot through the forehead and their hands cuffed, state

TV reported. An army colonel was reported missing, feared kidnapped.

Some militiamen bitterly accused Gadhafi loyalists of fueling the protests. Some media reports accused militiamen of taking revenge on Gadhafi-era veterans in the military, while military spokesman Ali al-Shakhli blamed Gadhafi loyalists.

Backers of the ousted regime continue to hold sway in some parts of the country, particularly the western city of Bani Walid and parts of the deep south. Gadhafi loyalists near the southern town of Berek al-Shati have been clashing with a pro-government militia for several days, killing nearly 20, and abducted 30 militiamen from a bus, according to Essam al-Katous, a senior security official.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Neglect damages Marcos' prized shoes

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Termites, storms and neglect have damaged part of former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos' legendary stash of shoes and other vanity possessions, left after she and her dictator husband were driven to U.S. exile by a 1986 popular revolt. Officials told The Associated Press on Sunday that hundreds of pieces of clothing of late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, including the formal native see-through Barong shirts he wore during his two-decade rule, have also begun to gather mold and fray after being stored for years without protection at the Malacanang presidential palace and later at Manila's National Museum. The Marcoses fled the Philippines at the climax of the army-backed "people power" revolt. They left behind staggering amounts of personal belongings



# Focus

## Chavez's record: an oil bonanza squandered?

By IAN JAMES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—On the streets of Caracas, vast slums blanket the hillsides while squatters hang laundry in the windows of abandoned buildings. Trash-strewn alleys are riddled with potholes and lined with broken streetlamps. The city's main waterway, the polluted Guaire River, is known more for sewage than swimming.

While oil has ushered in spectacular construction projects for glittering Middle Eastern cities, including the world's tallest building in Dubai and plans for branches of the Louvre and Guggenheim museums in Abu Dhabi, it's brought relatively meager changes to Venezuela, which holds the world's largest proven oil reserves.

Nearly 14 years after President Hugo Chavez took office, and despite the biggest oil bonanza in Venezuela's history, there's little outward sign of the nearly one trillion petrodollars that have flowed into the country.

Venezuela has undoubtedly changed during Chavez's tenure. The populist president has used the oil wealth to buttress his support through cash handouts, state-run grocery stores and a gamut of other social programs. With more money in the economy, incomes are higher and the number of people living in poverty has fallen.

Unemployment has dropped from more than 13 percent in 1999 to about 8 percent. The country has also achieved rapid improvement on the U.N. Human Development Index, which measures a range of indicators from living standards to life expectancy.

"We're applying a successful program—successful politically, successful socially, successful economically," Chavez said at a news conference. "With flaws, of course, but it's successful. We're laying the foundations of a historic project that will take our entire lifetime."

All of which makes him a tough incumbent to beat in the upcoming Oct. 7 election.

Yet some experts say Chavez could have done much more to improve the country's infrastructure, boost its economy and invest in the very oil industry that keeps Venezuela afloat.

"It's overwhelmingly clear that Venezuela has wasted the windfall," said Francisco Monaldi, an economist and director of the International Center of Energy and the Environment at Caracas' IESA business school. "You should have had much greater economic growth, much greater reduction of poverty."

Among Latin American countries, the economies of Brazil, Chile, Peru and Argentina all have expanded more rapidly than Venezuela's since Chavez took office in 1999, recording average growth between 3 and 5 percent a year.

Venezuela, by contrast, averaged a 2.8 percent annual increase of gross domestic product between 1999 and 2011, according to International Monetary Fund figures. By that measure, the country was outperformed by every other member of the Organization

of Petroleum Exporting Countries except Libya. Even war-torn Iraq posted higher growth.

Some Venezuelans, such as tennis instructor Naybeth Figueroa, say Chavez has simply channeled money toward his "Chavista" supporters while neglecting deeply ingrained problems such as soaring murder rates, inflation, crumbling infrastructure and poor government services. Venezuela now ranks among the most violent and corrupt places on earth.

"The country is falling to pieces," Figueroa said. "Where is the oil money going?"

Where the money went

On a rutted unpaved road in the countryside outside Caracas, unemployed housewife Moreli Gonzalez lives in a shack with a dirt floor and walls made of rusting sheets of zinc. She is thankful to Chavez that she now receives a \$280-a-month cash benefit through a program called "Mothers of the Neighborhood Mission."

"Now we have everything," said Gonzalez, who credits a government education program with helping her learn to read—and a state-run grocery down the road that has made food more affordable.

"We eat better," she said, showing off cupboards filled with bags of rice and pasta. "My children didn't used to eat snacks. Now they eat well."

The government programs for the poor are why Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez recently boasted: "This was one country before President Chavez's government, and a different one afterward."

He was referring to the more than \$300 billion that the government has spent during Chavez's tenure on "social development," including health care and education.

It's been made possible by oil prices that have shot up, sending more than \$981 billion in revenues to the state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA, between 1999 and 2011.

Some economists say that given the boom, it's little wonder Venezuelans living below the poverty line declined from 50 percent in the first half of 1999 to about 32 percent in the second half of last year.

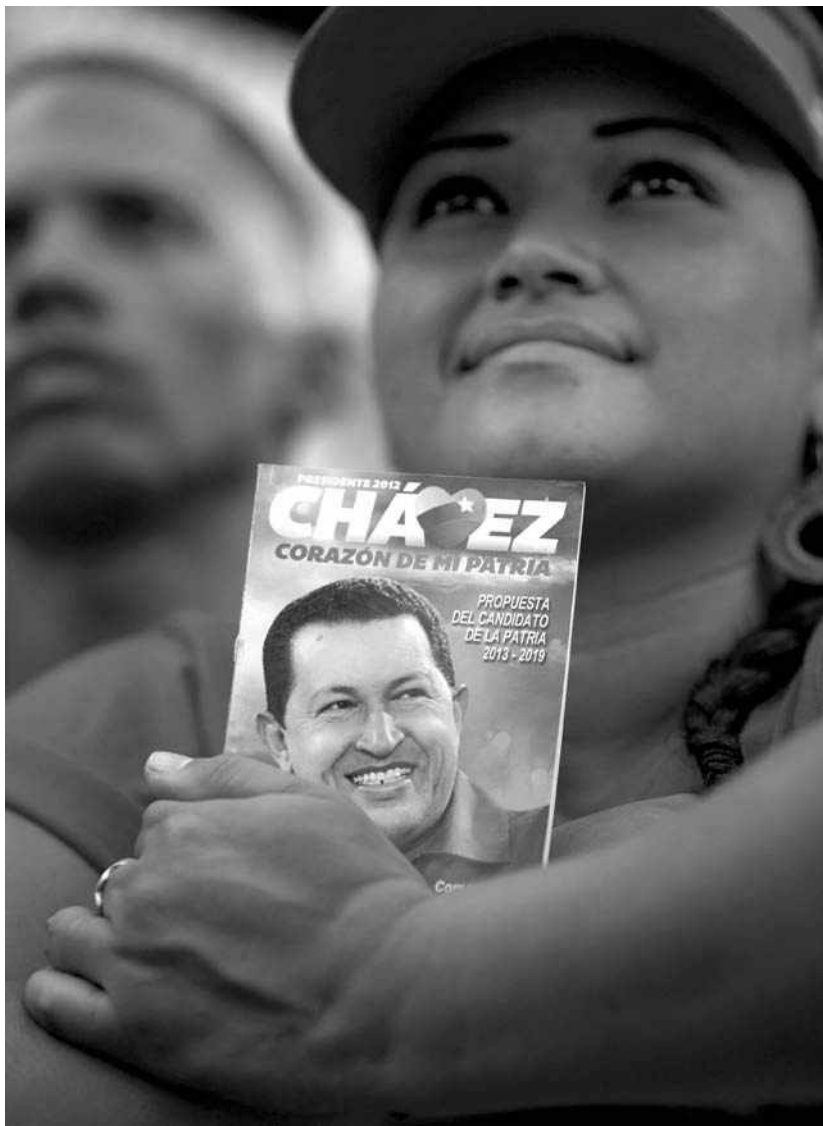
"There are people here who are eating meat who didn't used to eat meat. But is that due to Chavez? That's not due to Chavez. That's the result of the changes in the price of oil," said economist Angel Garcia Banchs, director of the consulting firm Econometrica.

The state oil company's contributions to the government have more than tripled, from \$16.5 billion in 2004 to \$58.6 billion last year.

And it's not all going to social programs. Chavez has spent billions on the military, buying up Russian-made fighter jets, helicopters and rifles.

University enrollment has also more than doubled. Low-income students now attend the tuition-free Bolivarian University, which was established on the leafy campus of a former state oil company office building.

One of the biggest expenses, though, has simply been supporting a growing bureaucracy. The number of public em-



A woman holds an image of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez during a campaign rally in Propatria neighborhood, Caracas, Venezuela, Sept. 17, 2012. Venezuela's presidential election is scheduled for Oct. 7.

ployees has ballooned during Chavez's presidency, from about 1.3 million to 2.4 million. And Chavez has made clear that if he's re-elected, "that's going to keep going up."

Black gold—but not for everyone

When a powerful explosion rocked the Amuay oil refinery last month, killing at least 42 people, several experts swiftly blamed the country's worst-ever refinery disaster on a lack of maintenance.

Last month, a deadly prison riot killed more than two dozen in an overcrowded penitentiary, the latest in a rising tide of bloodshed that left 560 people dead in the country's prisons last year.

That disconnect, between falling poverty and worsening infrastructure, points to what critics say has been a failure to address the underlying causes of many of the country's ills. Yes, government food giveaways mean millions of poor people have more to eat, but critics argue that Chavez's largesse has ignored basic remedies needed to modernize the nation.

While campaigning ahead of the presidential vote, opposition candidate Henrique Capriles has argued that more should have been spent to improve police forces, build water systems and invest in the oil industry instead of, among other things, "giving away" oil wealth through fuel deals with allies such as Cuba and Nicaragua.

Official figures support some of the criticism. The murder rate more than doubled during Chavez's presidency. Dangerous slums have proliferated,

with the number of homes deemed "inadequate" growing from 295,000 in 1999 to more than 404,000 last year.

Chavez defends his record, noting that Venezuela has invested billions in refinery maintenance, is building a new national police force and is starting to make revolutionary changes to "humanize" an overcrowded prison system.

Even in areas where Chavez has targeted spending, results have often been elusive.

For example, the president says he has revolutionized health care by setting up free clinics staffed by Cuban doctors in poor slums across the country. But hospitals have lagged behind, with officials figures showing the number of available hospital beds down from 28,000 beds in 2000 to 22,000 in 2010.

By some accounts, inadequate maternity wards have bumped women in labor from one public hospital to another. Opposition politician Carlos Vecchio posted photos on Twitter showing patients lying on the floor at a hospital emergency room in Maturin.

Despite more health care spending, the government's programs have worsened due to "inefficiency, ineffectiveness and incompetence," said Dr. Carlos Walter, a former health minister and director of the Center of Development Studies of Central University of Venezuela.

In his handling of the economy, Chavez has emphasized a bigger state role, and while he has expropriated businesses from cement plants to retail stores, economists say private invest-

ment has suffered.

Even as it battles an 18 percent inflation rate, Venezuela remains perilously reliant on oil, which accounts for 95 percent of its export earnings.

"I think that in the long term, we're headed for a situation of poverty. If oil income starts to run out, if the prices fall too much, there's no productive engine here that can feed us," said Margarita Lopez Maya, a historian at Central University. "But while the price of oil is so high, fantasies can be paid for."

The price of 'fantasies'

On the stump, Chavez is good at painting a glowing picture of a Venezuela undergoing nothing short of a non-violent revolution.

He appears on television inspecting row upon row of new government housing and touts the hope he's given the country's poor. Venezuela has shown a new model is possible, he says, one that breaks from the profit-driven order espoused by the U.S. and its allies.

Chavez recently boasted to reporters: "Today, the model is working."

For many of Chavez's followers, that world is real. They've seen new public health clinics open in their gritty neighborhoods. They know that thousands of people will be able to move into new government housing.

"There's been a vast improvement in the living standards of the vast majority of the country. That's why they've won all those elections," said Mark Weisbrot, an economist and co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington.

Yet one thing Chavez hasn't discussed on the campaign trail is the burden his programs have placed on the country's treasury.

Despite the oil boom, the government has more than tripled its public foreign debt from \$24.2 billion when he took office to \$88.7 billion in the first quarter of this year. Much of that foreign money has come from China, which has lent Venezuela more than \$36 billion.

By contrast, other oil-rich nations such as the United Arab Emirates and Norway have saved billions in investment funds.

"If you look at how much money has come into the country, of course it looks like he hasn't been a very good steward of that money," said David Smilde, a sociology professor at the University of Georgia.

"They've done some good things and they've made some progress, but I don't think they've done anything that's very sustainable. So in that sense, I don't really think it's a successful model that anyone would want to replicate."

Nonetheless, many Venezuelans are still prepared to support Chavez. Conflicting polls showing him either with a double-digit lead or roughly even with Capriles.

Jose Gregorio Oropeza, a vendor who sells cold drinks from a roadside stand, raves about the free health services and the state grocery stores.

"Now that cash comes from oil," Oropeza said. "My economic situation has gotten better in these years of President Chavez."



# Health & Fitness

New research powerfully strengthens the case against soda and other sugary drinks as culprits in the obesity epidemic.

A huge, decades-long study involving more than 33,000 Americans has yielded the first clear proof that drinking sugary beverages interacts with genes that affect weight, amplifying a person's risk of obesity beyond what it would be from heredity alone.

This means that such drinks are especially harmful to people with genes that predispose them to weight gain. And most of us have at least some of these genes.

In addition, two other major experiments have found that giving children and teens calorie-free alternatives to the sugary drinks they usually consume leads to less weight gain.

Collectively, the results strongly suggest that sugary drinks cause people to pack on the pounds, independent of other unhealthy behavior such as overeating and getting too little exercise, scientists say.

That adds weight to the push for taxes, portion limits like the one just adopted in New York City, and other policies to curb consumption of soda, juice drinks and sports beverages sweetened with sugar.

Soda lovers do get some good news: Sugar-free drinks did not raise the risk of obesity in these studies.

"You may be able to fool the taste" and satisfy a sweet tooth without paying a price in weight, said an obesity researcher with no role in the studies, Rudy Leibel of Columbia University.

The studies were being presented Friday at an obesity conference in San Antonio and were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine.

The gene research in particular fills a major gap in what we know about obesity. It was a huge undertaking, involving three long-running studies that separately and collectively reached the same conclusions. It shows how behavior combines with heredity to affect how fat we become.

Having many of these genes does not guarantee people will become obese, but if they drink a lot of sugary beverages, "they fulfill that fate," said an expert with no role in the research, Jules Hirsch of Rockefeller University in New York. "The sweet drinking and the fatness are going together, and it's more evident in the genetic predisposition people."

Sugary drinks are the single biggest source of calories in the American diet, and they are increasingly blamed for the fact that a third of U.S. children and teens and more than two-thirds of adults are obese or overweight.

Consumption of sugary drinks and obesity rates have risen in tandem—both have more than doubled since the 1970s in the U.S.

## Studies more firmly tie sugary drinks to obesity

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AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER



This Thursday, May 31, 2012 file photo shows a display of various size soft drink cups next to stacks of sugar cubes at a news conference at New York's City Hall. New research greatly strengthens the case against soda and other sugary drinks as culprits in the obesity epidemic. Two major experiments found that children and teens gained less weight when they regularly drank calorie-free beverages instead of sugary ones. A third study gives the first clear evidence that consuming sugary drinks interacts with genes that affect weight. Scientists say the results add weight to the push for taxes, size limits and other policies to curb consumption.

But that doesn't prove that these drinks cause obesity. Genes, inactivity and eating fatty foods or just too much food also play a role. Also, diet research on children is especially tough because kids are growing and naturally gaining weight.

Until now, high-quality experiments have not conclusively shown that reducing sugary beverages would lower weight or body fat, said David Allison, a biostatistician who has done beverage research at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, some of it with industry support.

He said the new studies on children changed his mind and convinced him that limiting sweet drinks can make a difference.

In one study, researchers randomly assigned 224 overweight or obese high schoolers in the Boston area to receive shipments every two weeks of either the sugary drinks they usually consumed or sugar-free alternatives, including bottled water. No efforts were made to change the youngsters' exercise habits or give nutrition advice, and the kids knew what type of beverages they were getting.

### ON THE NET

- Obesity info: <http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/trends.html>
- BMI calculator: <http://www.nhlbisupport.com/bmi/bmijoin.htm>
- New England Journal: <http://www.nejm.org>

After one year, the sugar-free group weighed more than 4 pounds less on average than those who kept drinking sugary beverages.

"I know of no other single food product whose elimination can produce this degree of weight change," said the study's leader, Dr. David Ludwig of Boston Children's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health.

The weight difference between the two groups narrowed to 2 pounds in the second year of the study, when drinks were no longer being provided. That showed at least some lasting beneficial effect on kids' habits. The study was funded mostly by government grants.

A second study involved 641 normal-weight children ages 4 to 12 in the Netherlands who regularly drank sugar-sweetened beverages. They were randomly

assigned to get either a sugary drink or a sugar-free one during morning break at their schools, and were not told what kind they were given.

After 18 months, the sugary-drink group weighed 2 pounds more on average than the other group.

The studies "provide strong impetus" for policies urged by the Institute of Medicine, the American Heart Association and others to limit sugary drink consumption, Dr. Sonia Capriño of the Yale School of Medicine wrote in an editorial in the journal.

The American Beverage Association disagreed.

"Obesity is not uniquely caused by any single food or beverage," it said in a statement. "Studies and opinion pieces that focus solely on sugar-sweetened beverages, or any other single source of calories, do nothing meaningful to help address this serious issue."

The genetic research was part of a much larger set of health studies that have gone on for decades across the U.S., led by the Harvard School of Public Health.

Researchers checked for 32 gene variants that have previously

been tied to weight. Because we inherit two copies of each gene, everyone has 64 opportunities for these risk genes. The study participants had 29 on average.

Every four years, these people answered detailed surveys about their eating and drinking habits as well as things like smoking and exercise. Researchers analyzed these over several decades.

A clear pattern emerged: The more sugary drinks someone consumed, the greater the impact of the genes on the person's weight and risk of becoming obese.

For every 10 risk genes someone had, the risk of obesity rose in proportion to how many sweet drinks the person regularly consumed. Overall calorie intake and lifestyle factors such as exercise did not account for the differences researchers saw.

This means that people with genes that predispose them to be obese are more susceptible to the harmful effects of sugary drinks on their weight, said one of the study leaders, Harvard's Dr. Frank Hu. The opposite also was true—avoiding these drinks can minimize the effect of obesity genes.

"Two bad things can act together and their combined effects are even greater than either effect alone," Hu said. "The flip side of this is everyone has some genetic risk of obesity, but the genetic effects can be offset by healthier beverage choices. It's certainly not our destiny" to be fat, even if we carry genes that raise this risk.

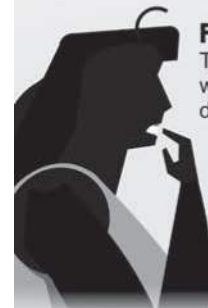
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As it progresses from mild to serious, dehydration causes fatigue, weakness, confusion, dizziness and a dazed or faint feeling





# Life & Style

## 'Girls' shine on TV, but not behind the scenes

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—At first glance, the television industry is in the grip of female empowerment so strong that men seem relegated to an afterthought.

"Girls" and "New Girl" are scoring ratings, buzz and Emmy Awards respect. Actor-writers Tina Fey ("30 Rock"), Amy Poehler ("Parks and Recreation") and Lena Dunham ("Girls") are case studies in hyphenate success.

But appearances are deceiving, especially within the Hollywood fantasy factory: Making TV overwhelmingly remains men's work even with the television business in its seventh decade.

Women are consistently underrepresented in top TV creative positions and face being treated as dismissively as bit players whatever their achievements.

"I certainly understand the impulse to celebrate high-profile women working in the business," said Martha M. Lauzen, executive director of the Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film at San Diego State University.

But to grasp how women really fare in the TV industry and how much work they're getting, Lauzen said, "you have to count the numbers."

Yes, Dunham is nominated at Sunday's Emmys for writing, directing, producing and starring in HBO's "Girls." Fey, a triple-threat acting, writing and producing winner for "30 Rock," is competing again for on-screen and behind-the-camera honors, as is Poehler.

"New Girl," from creator and execu-

tive producer Liz Meriwether, is up for four awards including best comedy actress for star Zooey Deschanel at the ceremony airing live at 8 p.m. EDT Sunday on ABC.

The shows and the women creating them may be a sign of change. But they stand now as exceptions to the rule, according to the most recent research from labor unions and academic studies - and women themselves, including the industry's most successful.

"This town is still in a certain way a boys' club, even though there are more and more women executives," said Marta Kauffman, "Friends" creator and producer.

Or, as Jenji Kohan, creator and producer of "Weeds" put it, "Hollywood is its own little world."

"There are certain perceptions out there about women writers that are unfair ... and there are biases and there are a lot of decision-makers with mother issues or girl issues. It's all fraught," Kohan said.

Hollywood's imbalance in male-female hiring is so pronounced it could sink an ocean liner.

Of the more than 2,600 TV series episodes produced in the 2010-11 season, 88 percent were directed by men and 12 percent by women, according to a Directors Guild of America study.

A 2011 report from the Writers Guild of America, West, found the share of TV writing jobs filled by women is essentially "stuck at 28 percent," little changed compared to 2007 figures from the previous guild study.

TV's behind-the-camera bias also is

shared by moviemakers: A scant 3.6 percent of directors on the 100 top-grossing films of 2009 and 13.5 percent of writers were women, according to a 2011 study by the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California.

The Oscars started in 1929, but it wasn't until 2010 that a woman finally won a best director award, when Kathryn Bigelow took home the trophy for "The Hurt Locker."

The Emmy Awards, past and pres-

ent, tell the same tale.

This year, Dunham is the sole female directing nominee in all categories, including drama, comedy, miniseries and variety programs. Five women are nominated for writing drama and comedy, with a handful more scattered among the largely male writing staffs for variety shows including "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report."

Since 1959, the debut of directing awards for comedies and dramas, three women have won: Betty Thomas in

1993 for "Dream On," Karen Arthur in 1985 for "Cagney & Lacey" and Mimi Leder in 1995 for "ER." Women have claimed somewhat more Emmy gold on the writing side, with about 15 trophies for comedy writing and eight for drama scripts.

If statistics are coldly revealing, everyday workplace accounts are unsettling.

"It's a frustrating thing being the woman producer," Kauffman said, even on a smash hit such as "Friends," which she and David Crane created and produced.

"I still have a list of stories of how other women and I were treated in the network process," she said. "Many times during 'Friends,' I thought it was a good thing I have a male partner and I can walk away and my head won't explode."

She's saving the details for a post-retirement memoir, Kauffman said, wryly. She also found a comfortable niche and a chance to direct with "Georgia," a short-form series that debuted this week as part of a YouTube channel, WIGS, focused on complex female characters.

Janis Hirsch, a veteran TV writer, said producers and writers, male and female, can be tough on women in the pressure-cooker world of TV. But her accounts of men behaving badly sound like absurdly outdated sitcom scenes.

Some men poison the work atmosphere by using raunchy sexual terms for women as a power play, she said. Others blatantly discriminate: One series producer made it clear Hirsch would be relegated to writing strictly for actresses.

"I'm sure some insurance agents hate women, too, but they have HR (Human Resources) to deal with," Hirsch said. "We literally get told, 'File a complaint and you'll never work again.'"

Why is Hollywood's shabby treatment of women—ironic in an industry seen as a reliable champion of liberal causes—so stubborn?



In this publicity file photo released by HBO, the creator and star, Lena Dunham, of the HBO TV series, "Girls," is shown.

## Ansari, Goodwin keep Emmy rehearsals casual

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—The Emmy Awards were still a day away, but the Nokia Theatre was already abuzz Saturday as celebrities popped in to run through their lines for Sunday's ceremony.

TV stars such as Aziz Ansari, Matthew Perry, Ginnifer Goodwin and Hayden Panettiere practiced presenting awards on the Emmy stage inside the mostly empty theater ahead of Sunday's ABC broadcast.

Ansari, of NBC's "Parks and Recreation," sported a red polo, tan slacks and a phony British accent as he delivered his introduction with a bottle of coconut water in hand.

"I feel like people take your acting more seriously when you're British," he quipped.

When Goodwin, of ABC's "Once Upon a Time," stepped on stage, her first question was: "Where am I sitting?" The pixie-haired actress squinted her eyes as she attempted to spot her place card in the crowd.

Dressed casually in a matching floral print top and jeans with black ballerina flats, Goodwin kept her purse around her shoulder as she pretended to present an Emmy.

Panettiere, who is starring in the new ABC drama "Nashville," presented an award "for this rehearsal



Aziz Ansari attends the Entertainment Weekly Pre Emmy Party at Fig & Olive on Friday, Sept. 21, 2012, in Los Angeles.

only" to a stand-in for "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner, but she mispronounced his name. Producers quickly corrected the actress, who probably won't make the same mistake if Weiner wins Sunday.

Also spotted backstage Saturday were Andre Braugher of ABC's "Last Resort" and Lena Dunham, who's up for the best actress in a comedy trophy for her HBO series "Girls."

## Emmy nominees celebrate at pre-ceremony parties

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Kevin Costner, Amy Poehler, Bryan Cranston, Zooey Deschanel, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and other Emmy-nominated actors celebrated their success at a series of parties around Tinseltown.

Most began their evening at the Emmy Performers nominee reception Friday at the Pacific Design Center in Los Angeles. That's where nominees received certificates acknowledging their acting achievements.

The nominated actors posed for a class photo, with many proudly holding their certificates above their heads.

"This is like graduation," said Elizabeth Moss, nominated for her work on "Mad Men."

"You get to meet so many people you might not get to see at the Emmys," beamed the newly blonde actress.

Also among the guests: Martha Plimpton, Loretta Devine, Mare Winningham, Julia Ormond and



Jesse Tyler Ferguson, right, and Jaime Pressly attend the Variety and Women in Film Pre-Emmy Event at Scarpetta on Friday, Sept. 21, 2012, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Eric Stonestreet. Cranston, Louis-Dreyfus and "Modern Family" star Ty Burrell hopped over to the Women In Film party in Beverly Hills after noshing on kale salad, roasted

chicken and grilled skirt steak at the official Emmy reception.

The Emmy Awards will be presented Sunday at the Nokia Theatre and broadcast live on ABC.



# Diane Lane takes the stage in Chicago play

**CHICAGO (AP)**—More than two decades after she last graced the stage in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," Academy Award-nominated actress Diane Lane is returning to the theater in a Chicago production of Tennessee Williams' "Sweet Bird of Youth."

Lane will star opposite rising Broadway actor Finn Wittrock at the Goodman Theatre, playing faded movie star Princess Kosmonopolis in the production that opens Monday and runs through Oct. 28. She will portray an older woman being used by a younger man to win back his former lover.

"I think that timing is everything in terms of the readiness for taking on a new challenge," Lane said in an interview. "A show this large and a role this demanding, certainly I've made jokes about it—mid-life crisis martyrdom or empty-nest freak out. It's sort of now or never."

Lane, 47, is best known for her star Hollywood turns in major films like "The Perfect Storm," "Unfaithful" and "Secretariat." They have earned her nominations for Oscars, Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild awards.



In this Aug. 23, 2012 photo provided by the Goodman Theatre in Chicago, stage and screen actress Diane Lane poses for a portrait at the Goodman Theatre.

But Lane said she grew up with a theatrical background, first acting in a New York production of "Medea" at age 6. And she said returning to her roots is "sort of like a bicycle."

"I crave rehearsal," she said. "I love the team sport of sharing the process rather than it being some isolated moment."

Lane went on to act in other New York productions and touring theater festivals before pursuing film and television roles. But those taped performances over the last few decades haven't included a live audience, which takes a while to get used to.

"We had a crazy lady yelling in the theater the other night," she said. "Then we have the phones going off or somebody in the front row is warm so they're fanning themselves. It's definitely got a lot of hurdles to it. To have a normal show is a gift. It's a team experience and so, thank God, we have each other and we support each other."

Though there are rumors that the show might make it to Broadway, Lane said she is only concentrating on each performance in Chicago.

# Change in passwords is red flag to serial cheater's wife

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married 10 years. At every company he has worked at, there was ALWAYS a female he got close to—sometimes a little "too close." We have had counseling. Our counselor has told him his behavior is destructive in a marriage and he should be an "open book" for as long as it takes to rebuild the trust in our relationship.

I recently found that he has changed all the passwords on his email and computer accounts. Needless to say, I am seriously disturbed by his behavior. He hasn't said anything about it, and I think he's waiting for me to ask him why. I think he wants to make the point that his "privacy" is being compromised, but I also suspect there is another new woman he's interested in recruiting.

I'm tired of these games. I don't know whether it's worth the energy to once again pursue the reasons for his behavior, or to finally walk away because I don't think he'll ever change. I really need advice. Please help.

RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY

**DEAR RUNNING:** Because you are tired of the games, stop participating in them. Obviously, what your husband has done is a red flag. Tell him you know he has changed his passwords, and it appears to be an attempt on his part to close a chapter of what's supposed to be an "open book." If he attacks you for looking, remind him that with his history of serial infidelity you would have to be out of your mind NOT to.

Forgive me for appearing negative, but if after 10 years the two of you haven't been able to fix what's missing in your marriage—even with the help of a counselor—there is nothing more I can suggest.

**DEAR ABBY:** A longtime friend of mine, "Blanche," was diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years ago. She let me know that once she reached a certain point in the disease she did not want to be paraded around for others to gawk at.

That time came about a year ago, but I still pick her up every Sunday and take her to church. It's the only time she gets to leave the nursing home, and she loves it. The people at church give her hugs and go out of their way to treat her well and she feels it.

My question is, am I wrong in going against her earlier wishes?

FRIEND IN ARIZONA

**DEAR FRIEND:** I think you are. Your friend clearly stated when she was in her right mind that she did not want to be an object of pity. By going against her wishes, you have taken away her right to be remembered with dignity. And while it was done in a well-meaning way, I don't agree with it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a woman in my 30s and I'm facing the serious decision of whether to have children or not. What I'd like to know is, do people who choose not to have children regret it later in life? I appreciate your response.

CURIOUS IN TEXAS

**DEAR CURIOUS:** Some probably do, but according to the mail I have received, most of the women I hear from have no regrets. In fact, last year I heard from a number of parents who said they regretted having taken on the challenge of parenthood. So, while having children can be rewarding, it is clearly not for everyone.

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# Amanda Bynes faces new charges in driving case

**BURBANK, Calif. (AP)**—Prosecutors have charged Amanda Bynes with knowingly driving on a suspended license. It's the third court case the actress has racked up in recent months.

Bynes was charged Friday in Burbank, Calif., with two counts of driving on a suspended license. The charges stem from an incident Sunday that



In this Sept. 13, 2009 file photo, Amanda Bynes arrives at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York.

# Denzel Washington: Eastwood still 'my hero'

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Clint Eastwood has taken a lot of barbs over his empty chair routine at the Republican National Convention, but Denzel Washington still holds the film legend in high regard.

"I have the utmost respect for him as an actor and as a director," Washington said. "He's my hero."

Although Washington supported Obama in 2008, he graciously declined to address an empty chair or do any "Eastwooding," as it's come to be known on the Internet. He calls himself an independent and said in this election he isn't committing to either side.

"I listen to both sides of the argument and try to make an assessment," he said.

# Grateful Dead's Mickey Hart drums at AARP meeting

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—Longtime Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart came to New Orleans with a message for thousands of attendees at the AARP's national convention: Music has therapeutic powers.

Hart spoke about the im-



This Dec. 11, 2010 file photo shows actor Denzel Washington speaking at a news conference before the concert in honor of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo in Oslo, Norway.

Washington was in the nation's capital along with Olympic champion Michael Phelps

and R&B singer Ashanti for an event sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of America.

portance of music and playing instruments. He led a drum circle with hundreds of drummers at the convention, which ended Saturday.

Hart and neurologist Adam Gazzaley a professor at the University of California at San

Francisco, spoke about research showing music has a positive effect on the brain and how playing music can help offset the mental declines of aging.

Throughout the convention attendees could stop into a music-making pavilion.

led to her car being impounded.

Bynes faces two other cases—a drunken driving case and a hit-and-run case involving two accidents. Bynes' driver's license was revoked in August, and a judge last week ordered her to stop driving.

The 26-year-old starred in the Nickelodeon series "All That" and the 2010 film "Easy A." She has pleaded not guilty in the DUI case.

Her attorney Richard Hutton was not available for comment.

The new charges were first reported by celebrity website TMZ.

# Lone Ranger' crew member drowns on LA-area set

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Authorities are investigating the apparent drowning of a crew member who was working on a set for upcoming "The Lone Ranger" film.

Coroner's spokesman Ed Winter says a 48-year-old man was pronounced dead around 10 a.m. Friday. He was cleaning a pool that was going to be used in the film in Acton, which is in northeast Los Angeles County. Winter says it appears the man suffered a heart attack.

The man's identity was not released.

Walt Disney Studios is producing the film starring Johnny Depp. It expressed its condolences, saying the studio's thoughts are with the man's family, friend and co-workers. The studio is also cooperating with the investigation, which will include an autopsy to determine his cause of death.







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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE  
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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

<b>MARLON DELA ROSA PINEDA,</b> Petitioner,	]	<b>FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0442</b>
<b>Versus</b>	]	
<b>ANNABEL M. BAU-PINEDA,</b> Respondent,	]	<b>SUMMONS</b>

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:


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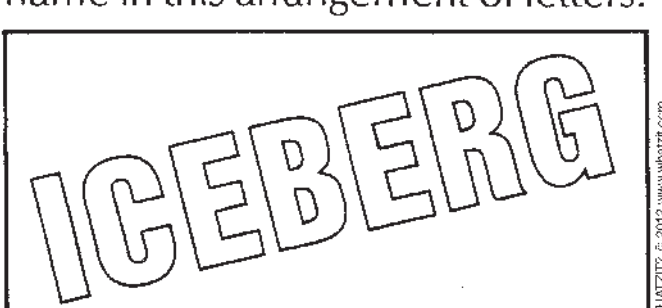
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# Bumgarner, Scutaro hand Giants NL West title



**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**  
—Madison

Bumgarner pitched San Francisco to its second NL West title in three years and newcomer Marco Scutaro had three hits and three RBIs in the Giants' 8-4 win over the San Diego Padres on Saturday night.

The Giants captured their eighth divisional crown - wrapping it up once again with a victory over the Padres in front of their home fans, just as they did on the season's final day in 2010 on the way to an improbable World Series championship.

"I'll take this one," manager Bruce Bochy said. "I like a margin of error."

Brandon Belt homered leading off the eighth to give the sellout crowd of 42,418 one more thing to stand and cheer about in a season full of such moments.

The real party began after Sergio Romo retired Mark Kotsay on a fly ball to center to end it. Fireworks shot off behind the main center-field scoreboard as the players rushed to the mound and began bouncing up and down.

"It's the first step," Pablo Sandoval said. "We're excited to get it done early."

The Giants pulled on gray NL West champion T-shirts and white caps, then took a victory lap around the ballpark slapping high-fives with the fans - even jumping to reach those supporters hanging over the outfield fences. As music blared and fans roared, Romo held his gray shirt high and waved it for everyone to see.

"It never gets old," general manager Brian Sabean said in the champagne-soaked clubhouse.

Buster Posey and Hunter Pence each hit a sacrifice fly in the first and Bumgarner tacked on an RBI single in the second. Pence singled twice as the Giants won their season-high sixth straight game and moved 26 games above .500 (89-63), the club's best record since finishing the 2003 season 39 games over.

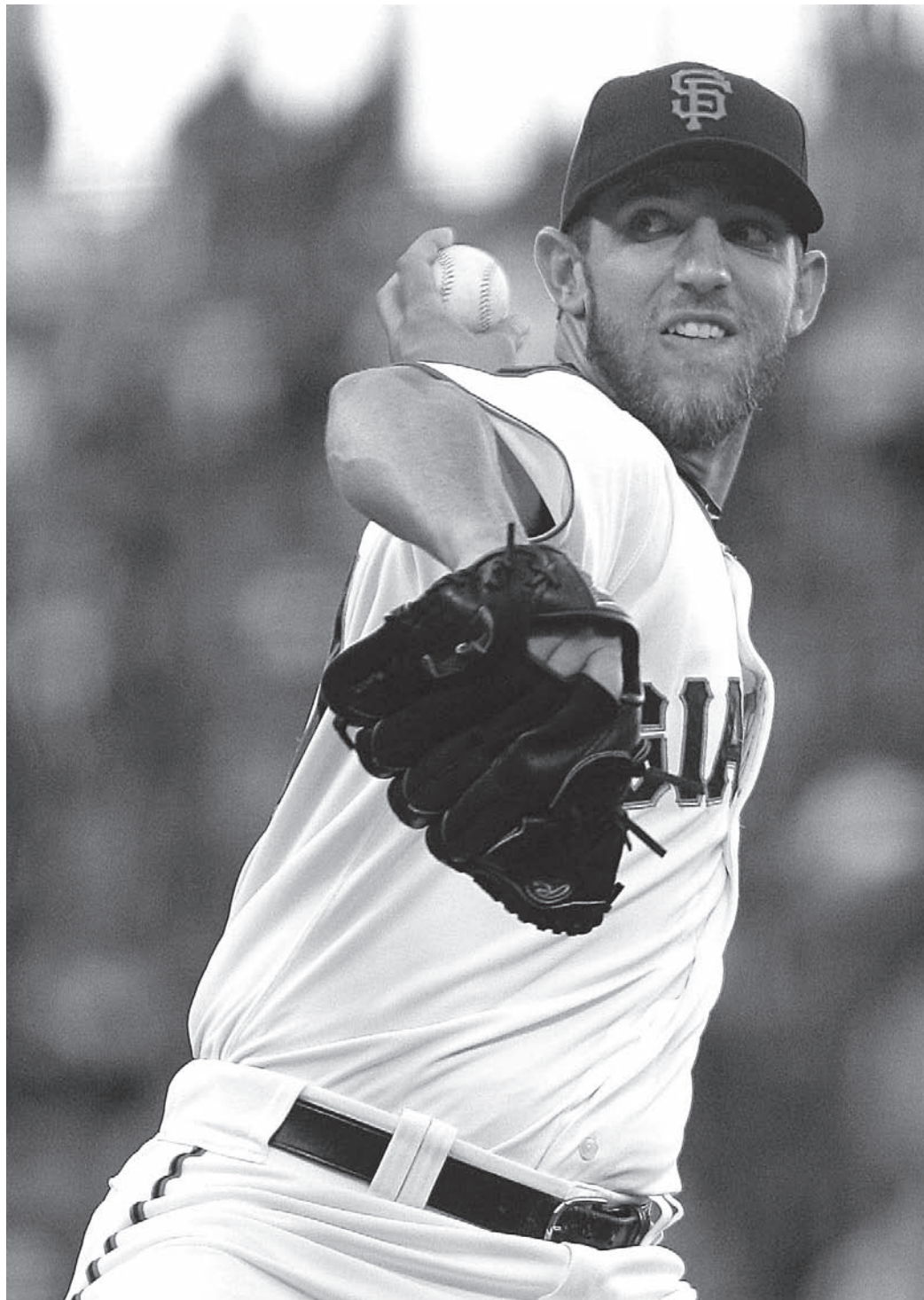
Scutaro singled in the first to match his career-best hitting streak of 12 games, also accomplished from April 9-21, 2004, while with Oakland. He is tied with Milwaukee's Norichika Aoki for longest active streak in the National League.

## Reds 6, Dodgers 0

In Cincinnati, the Reds' Mr. Clinch got their championship party started on the second try.

Jay Bruce's 34th homer put the Reds ahead to stay, and they made good on their second chance to win the NL Central title by beating the Los Angeles Dodgers, 6-0, without Dusty Baker.

The 63-year-old manager spent another day in a Chicago hospital getting treated for an irregular heartbeat.



San Francisco Giants' Madison Bumgarner works against the San Diego Padres in the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, in San Francisco.

## Braves 8, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Freddie Freeman hit a three-run homer to back Mike Minor and the Braves roughed up Roy Halladay to move closer to clinching a post-season berth.

The win coupled with Milwaukee's 10-4 loss to Washington reduced Atlanta's magic number for securing a playoff spot to three. The Braves were up 8 1/2 games through Sept. 5 last year, but went 9-18 down the stretch and were overtaken by St. Louis on the final day of the season.

## Cardinals 5, Cubs 4, 10 innings

In Chicago, Jon Jay's RBI double in the 10th inning lifted St. Louis to the victory, bolstering the Cardinals' bid for another playoff appearance.

Carlos Beltran hit a tying solo homer in the ninth for the Cardinals, who improved their lead for the second NL wild-card spot to 2 1/2 games over Milwaukee.

## Nationals 10, Brewers 4

In Washington, Gio Gonzalez became the majors' first 20-game winner in 2012, and the first pitcher for a Washington baseball team with 200 strikeouts since

Walter Johnson in 1916, taking a shutout into the sixth inning to help the Nationals close in on their first NL East title.

Ryan Zimmerman and Ian Desmond each hit a three-run homer off former Nationals pitcher Livan Hernandez in the fourth inning, and Washington stopped Milwaukee's six-game winning streak. The Brewers now trail St. Louis by 2 1/2 games for the second NL wild card.

## Astros 4, Pirates 1

In Houston, Jason Castro hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning and the Astros handed the fading Pirates their fifth straight loss.

The Pirates fell 6 1/2 games behind St. Louis for the second NL wild card. Pittsburgh has lost 17 of 21 to drop to 74-77, moving closer to its 20th straight losing season.

Rookie Dallas Keuchel (3-7) pitched seven strong innings for the win. Wilton Lopez got three outs for his seventh save.

## Diamondbacks 8, Rockies 7

In Denver, Aaron Hill tripled and drove in four runs, Jason Kubel had two hits and two RBIs and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat

the Colorado Rockies 8-7 on Saturday night.

Paul Goldschmidt and Chris Johnson also had two hits apiece for the Diamondbacks, who have won five of six. J.J. Putz pitched a scoreless ninth for his 31st save.

Wilin Rosario homered among his three hits and Jordan Pacheco also had three hits for the Rockies, who have lost eight straight.

## Mets 4, Marlins 3

In New York, R.A. Dickey earned his 19th victory with a strong performance, Jason Bay and Scott Hairston homered and the Mets barely held on in the ninth inning for their second straight home win.

Just hours after the Mets snapped a nine-game losing streak at Citi Field on Friday and scored more than three runs in their home ballpark for the first time since Aug. 12, New York broke out the bats again in front of a crowd of 30,332.

The Marlins rallied in the ninth, capped by John Buck's three-run homer off Jon Rauch.

## Yankees 10, Athletics 9

In New York, Raul Ibanez hit his second home run of the game

during a startling rally in the 13th inning, then the New York Yankees won a thriller when first baseman Brandon Moss' two-out error in the 14th lifted them over the Oakland Athletics 10-9 Saturday.

The AL East leaders came back to hold their one-game edge over Baltimore. Down 9-5 in the 13th, the Yankees won for just the second time in team history after trailing by at least four runs in extra innings.

Oakland began the day with a 3 1/2-game lead over Los Angeles for the second AL wild-card spot. The A's still have an edge, but blew a huge opportunity and lost for the fifth time in six games.

## Angels 4, White Sox 2

In Anaheim, Dan Haren earned his first win at home in more than a month, Mark Trumbo capped a four-run first inning with a two-run single and the Los Angeles Angels beat the White Sox 4-2 on Saturday night, trimming Chicago's AL Central lead to a half-game over Detroit.

Haren (12-11) allowed two runs and six hits in six-plus innings, struck out four and walked one for his first win in Anaheim since beating Tampa Bay on July 27. He had been 0-3 with an 8.77 ERA in three home starts since then.

Ernesto Frieri pitched the ninth to earn his 20th save in 23 chances after giving up a go-ahead home run in each of his previous two outings.

## Orioles 9, Red Sox 6, 12 innings

In Boston, Jim Thome hit a go-ahead double in the 12th in his first game in nearly two months and Baltimore stretched its extra-inning win streak to 16 games.

The Orioles won their sixth in a row overall and remained one back of the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

Baltimore's extra-inning streak is the best in the majors since the Cleveland Indians won 17 straight in 1949. The Orioles are 16-2 in extras this year, losing only to the Yankees on April 10-11.

Thome had been on the disabled list from July 31 until Friday with a herniated disk in his neck. The veteran slugger gave Baltimore a 7-6 lead with his ground-rule double off Alfredo Aceves (2-10) that drove in Adam Jones, who led off the 12th with a double.

## Rays 11, Blue Jays 5

In St. Petersburg, B.J. Upton and Jose Molina homered during a six-run fifth inning and the surging Rays earned their fourth consecutive victory.

Evan Longoria and Desmond Jennings also connected for the Rays, who moved within 3 1/2 games of Oakland for the second AL wild card. Tampa Bay has scored 43 runs during its winning streak.

The Blue Jays have lost five

in a row, including the first two of the weekend set against the Rays to make it 17 consecutive losing series at Tampa Bay - two short of the AL record. The New York Yankees won 19 consecutive home series against the St. Louis Browns from 1946-51.

## Tigers 8, Twins 0

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit his 42nd homer, putting him in Triple Crown position, and Doug Fister pitched his first career shutout to help the Tigers get the win.

Detroit began the day 1 1/2 games behind the AL Central-leading Chicago White Sox, who played later at the Los Angeles Angels.

Cabrera's solo shot in the fourth inning tied him with Texas star Josh Hamilton for the most homers in the AL. Cabrera has a relatively comfortable league lead with a .332 batting average and 131 RBIs. Hamilton is sidelined for this weekend's series at Seattle because of a sinus condition that has caused blurred vision.

Carl Yastrzemski won the last Triple Crown in 1967. He took the batting and RBIs title, and tied Harmon Killebrew for the AL homer lead.

## Royals 5, Indians 3

In Kansas City, Billy Butler hit a run-scoring single in the first inning to reach 100 RBIs for the first time, helping Kansas City to the victory.

Butler also doubled twice in his 53rd multihit game, raising his batting average to .312. He became the first Royals player to drive in at least 100 runs since Carlos Beltran had 100 RBIs in 2003.

Cord Phelps hit a two-run homer for Cleveland, which has dropped 11 of 14. The Indians have the worst record in the majors since the All-Star break at 18-49.

Will Smith (6-8) allowed two runs in seven innings to improve to 2-4 with a 4.54 ERA in his last six starts. Fellow rookie Kelvin Herrera worked the ninth for his second save.

## Mariners 1, Rangers 0

In Seattle, Michael Saunders hit a solo home run in the second inning, former Texas prospect Blake Beavan threw seven shutout innings against his former club, and the Seattle Mariners kept the Rangers from extending their lead in the AL West with a 1-0 win.

Seattle took the first two games in the weekend series - handing the Rangers consecutive defeats for the first time in more than a month - and finally solved Matt Harrison's mastery of the Mariners.

Harrison (17-10) had won nine straight times against Seattle, the second-longest streak in Rangers' history against one team, but was not able to extend the roll despite holding the Mariners to just the homer by Saunders



# Snedeker makes a push for FedEx Cup



**ATLANTA** (AP)—Brandt Snedeker gave himself the opportunity he wanted in the FedEx Cup. He also has the company he expected.

Snedeker played one of his best rounds this year at just the right time Saturday, making a collection of tough putts and relying on his short game to pick up a couple of other birdies on his way to a 6-under 64 that gave him a share of the lead with Justin Rose in the Tour Championship.

That means he now only has to win Sunday at East Lake to claim the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million prize, the richest payoff in golf.

So does Rory McIlroy, who was only three shots out of the lead.

Ditto for Tiger Woods, four shots behind.

The Tour Championship has never had so much at stake for so many top players.

"It's going to be one of the most exciting Sundays of the year," McIlroy said after a 68. "Great to be in the mix."

McIlroy, who won the last two FedEx Cup playoff events, had his 11th consecutive round in the 60s. Woods salvaged an important par after his shot ricocheted off a Georgia pine and wound up with a 67.

Snedeker, McIlroy and Woods were among the top five seeds coming into the Tour Championship, giving each the best shot at the \$10 million because they only have to win the Tour Championship no matter what anyone else does at East Lake.

They won't be the only players with a chance to win at least one trophy - the Tour Championship - on Sunday. Rose will be in the final group with Snedeker, and while it's unlikely he can win the FedEx Cup, the Englishman surely would settle



Brandt Snedeker acknowledges the applause from the gallery after sinking his putt on the 18th hole during the third round of the Tour Championship golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, in Atlanta.

for his second win of the year against a strong field.

"I have the advantage of just playing the Tour Championship," said Rose, who won a World Golf Championship at Doral in March. "The whole year, we've been grinding for the FedEx Cup, and it's still possible. It's not an easy golf course. Things can happen out there. But for me, it's about one tournament."

Snedeker and Rose were at 8-under 202.

Ryan Moore spoiled his round with a bogey on the 17th and still had a 65, putting him alone in third at 6 under.

Jim Furyk, the 36-hole leader, was tied for the lead until he pulled his tee shot into the water on the 17th, hit the next tee shot into the gallery, his fourth shot into a bunker and made triple

bogey that sent him tumbling down to a 72. He was still in the mix at 205, along with McIlroy and Masters champion Bubba Watson, who had a double bogey on the 16th hole and shot 70.

Typical of the FedEx Cup playoffs, there was plenty of star power in contention, with 11 of the top 14 players on the leaderboard headed to the Ryder Cup next week.

For now, the attention shifts in a big way to the \$10 million payoff.

"My first goal for this week is achieved," Snedeker said. "And that is to have a chance going into Sunday. It should be a lot of fun."

Snedeker also shot a 64 in the second round of the British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, though he rated this one

as better. There was no wind at Lytham, and the conditions were relatively soft. East Lake demanded a crisp game as the wind rustled pine branches and the greens became firm.

"It was so tough today," Snedeker said. "The wind made it so hard to hit the fairways here because the wind seemed like it would move the ball 4 or 5 yards one way or the other, and these fairways might be 15 yards side. Just every iron shot has to be hit so crisply to control your distances, and I did a great job of that today."

The next step for Snedeker is winning from the last group, something he has never done. The fast talker from Tennessee is the master of coming from behind on the last day. He is tied with Rose, with a number of

stars behind him all aiming for the big prize - the Tour Championship, which also would bring the FedEx Cup.

"It looks like I've got a shot at

it tomorrow," Woods said.

He made two birdies on the back nine to stay in the chase, though no shot proved as valuable as the par on the 16th. From deep in the woods to the right of the fairway, Woods saw a tiny gap in the trees and was only concerned that with his ball sitting down in the rough, it might come out low or high. He forgot about the direction, pulled it slightly and it caromed off the tree and sideways into the fairway. From there, he stuffed his third shot into 12 feet and holed the putt for par.

The FedEx Cup is up for grabs in so many ways.

Woods, McIlroy and Snedeker could win it by finishing second, depending on how the others fare. There's even one scenario in which Woods could finish alone in third and McIlroy could be alone in fourth, and they would be tied in the FedEx Cup and go to the par-3 18th to play off for the \$10 million title.

All three of them are thinking more about trophies than mathematical equations.

"I'm playing for the 'W,' and tomorrow I get a great shot at it," Woods said. "All the money and awards and all of that stuff, that comes along with winning championships."

## 76ers end search, name DiLeo general manager



**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—For more than two decades, Tony DiLeo made a habit of collecting job titles with the Philadelphia 76ers, even leading them to the playoffs in a brief stint as head coach.

DiLeo beefed up his resume last weekend when the Sixers named him their 12th general manager in franchise history.

He'll get to call the shots for a team clearly on the rise after landing center Andrew Bynum from Los Angeles in a four-team, blockbuster deal. Ownership had lauded DiLeo for his role in landing the All-Star and for his complete understanding of the inner workings of the front office.

DiLeo, 57, will work alongside team president Rod Thorn. Thorn has only one year left on his contract and has a provision that will allow him to become a consultant after his deal expires. DiLeo could assume both roles once the 2013 season is over.

"We are very confident that Tony has the experience and knowledge to flourish in his new role, and we will continue to provide him with the necessary tools and resources—including enhancing our capabilities in analytics—to strengthen our basketball operations department," owner Josh Harris said.

The Sixers spent the summer interviewing several candidates for the job, including former

Portland assistant general manager Tom Penn and former New Orleans general manager Jeff Bowers. Instead of going outside, coach Doug Collins, who also plays a key role in personnel decisions, and management went with DiLeo.

DiLeo, entering his 23rd season with the Sixers, had been working as senior vice president.

"I am very excited about being named general manager of this organization and look forward to building upon our recent success," DiLeo said. "I would like to thank Josh Harris and the ownership group for providing me with this opportunity and I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure we put a team that our fans will be proud to support, both this season and in the future."

DiLeo, a New Jersey native who played at La Salle, also played and coached in West Germany for 10 seasons before joining the Sixers in 1990-91. He had a brief stint as assistant in the early '90s, and took over as interim coach in December 2008 after Maurice Cheeks was fired. The Sixers lost a first-round series to the Orlando Magic in six games under him.

He withdrew his name from consideration to return as the team's coach that summer and the Sixers hired Eddie Jordan. DiLeo was Philadelphia's director of player personnel from 1999 to 2003.

## 'Serious' gaps divide NFL, officials



**NEW YORK** (AP)—The NFL and its locked-out officials met the last two days, but a person familiar with the negotiations said Friday the sides remain far apart and no further talks are scheduled.

The person said in an email to The Associated Press that there are "significant and serious economic gaps." The person requested anonymity in characterizing the negotiations because they are intended to remain private.

Michael Arnold, counsel and lead negotiator for NFL Referees Association, acknowledged the discussions, saying his group reached out to the league last week and the NFL agreed to meet. He said there may be additional talks, but it is "not appropriate" to comment on spe-

cific issues.

The NFL locked out the regular officials in June and has been using replacements as the season enters its third full weekend. Many players, coaches and fans have been upset with what they say is poor officiating. The NFL has warned teams that it won't tolerate confrontational behavior toward the new officials.

The NFL locked out the regular officials after their contract expired. Negotiations with the NFLRA broke down several times during the summer, including just before the season. This is the first time the league is using replacements since 2001.

The collection of small college officials working the games has drawn tough criticism from those on the field. Monday night's game between Atlanta and Denver under-

lined the matter, with Broncos coach John Fox and defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio engaging in heated arguments with officials.

In response, the league, according to NFL.com, said Thursday night that senior NFL officials called owners, general managers and coaches from all 32 teams to tell them that respect for the game demands better conduct.

NFL executive vice president Ray Anderson noted "unacceptable behavior" and added "we're not going to tolerate it." He said flags, fines and suspensions are possible for coaches or players who cross the line.

"There's no doubt the integrity of the game has been compromised not having the regular officials out there," Giants linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka has said. "We've got to get that

taken care of."

What the fans seem most annoyed with is the lack of pace to games, notably Monday night's win by the Falcons that dragged on past midnight. The NFL has said that it is trying to upgrade the officiating through training tapes, conference calls and meetings.

The league and the NFLRA, which covers more than 120 on-field officials, are at odds over salary, retirement benefits and operational issues. The NFL has said its offer includes annual pay increases that could earn an experienced official more than \$200,000 annually by 2018. The union has disputed the value of the proposal, insisting it would ultimately reduce their compensation.

"We just all hope, and I'm speaking on behalf of all 31 other head coaches, we hope they get something done," Rams coach Jeff Fisher has said. "We're trusting that they will."



# PIC, Mobil remain unscathed

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REPORTER



Pacific Islands Club and Mobil kept their unbeaten records intact after cruising past separate foes in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

PIC improved to a 4-0 card after walloping Servitek (0-3) in the second game, 80-64, while Mobil earned the same mark, following a 91-80 victory over Ashley's (1-2) in the curtain raiser.

PIC's starters got into their senses in the second quarter and then built a commanding lead in the third to deny Servitek its first win in the league.

The formidable five of James Abuy, Brett Sutton, Darwin

Barbo, Wowie Abuel, and Bart Demapan played too complacent in the opening canto, allowing Servitek to surprisingly take the driver's seat, 23-15. Clayton Kenty led Servitek in the first period, firing 8 markers.

However, Servitek's brilliance was short lived, as it was held to 8 points in the second canto, while PIC's starters got into business and sixth man Nevin Salem made his presence felt in that frame. Sutton nailed 10 of his 24 points in the second period, while Salem had 9 off the bench, as PIC opened a 42-31 halftime edge.

It was all PIC from thereon and with Sutton adding 8 more markers and the team ahead by 22 at the end of the third period, while Salem had 9 off the bench, as PIC opened a 42-31 halftime edge.

In the second match, Mobil duplicated PIC's feat after

thwarting Ashley's with a third-quarter push.

It was still anybody's game after the first half with Mobil on top by only a hair, 43-42, before Jun Estolas took charge in the third, hitting two triples. He had 10 of his 24 points in the third, giving Mobil a 70-60 advantage.

The Mobil guard canned two more treys in the fourth and drew support from his four other teammates to preserve the lead and the win.

## First Game

**Mobil 91** – Estolas 24, Rabauliman 12, Basila 11, Tumaquip 10, Peredo 9, Fernando 9, Camacho 8, Gamboa 6.

**Ashley's 80** – Aquino 12, Mangali 12, Inos 12, Manalo 11, Talania 10, Mungcal 5, De Dios 4, Cortez 2, Paraiso 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-18, 44-43, 70-60, 91-80.

## Second Game

**Pacific Islands Club 80** – Sutton 24, Ba. Demapan 10, Barbo 8, Salem 9, Babauta 4,

Sublemente 4, Isip 4, Abuy 3, Ricafort 3, Abuel 2, Br. Demapan 2.

**Servitek 64** – Kenty 20, Mo-

rales 16, Jose10, Ngeskebei 9, Cruz 6, Esconde 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-23, 42-31, 64-42, 80-64.

## STUNNING

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the tournament, tying teammate Michaela Breit after posting a 12-over-par 156, just three strokes off the best two-round score in CSU-Pueblo's history. The ThunderWolves ended up at No. 6 out of the 14 schools competing in RMAC.

With her impressive debut for the NCAA Division II-school, Kim, who had to red-shirt with CSU-Pueblo in the 2011-2012 season, earned the RMAC Women's Golfer of the Week plum, making her only the second ThunderWolf golfer in the school history to win the prestigious award. Domi DiNallo was the first to have that feat last spring.

The Marianas Baptist Acad-

emy graduate's second tournament was the Grizzly Invitational at the Cattails Golf Course, in Alamosa, Colorado, on Sept. 16 and 17 and she helped the ThunderWolves gained back-to-back RMAC wins after shooting 79s on both rounds (38 and 41 in the first and 40 and 39 in the second). Kim's team had a total of 617 in the two-day tournament for an 11-stroke win over Western New Mexico. CSU-Pueblo won the same event last season.

After Kim's two remarkable showings for the ThunderWolves, Allenback disclosed how CSU-Pueblo and its coach, Greg Dillon, landed a good catch in the former CNMI junior golfer.

Allenback in his story said Dillon had to go outside the box and "outside" the country to find his prized rookie.

"I was living in Virginia with my sister and Coach Dillon mercilessly found me," Kim was quoted as saying in the CSU-Pueblo athletics site. "He knew a lady named Jane, who used to teach on Saipan. She made some phone calls and managed to reach a family friend on Saipan. "Then he called my parents when I was in Virginia then finally he called me. So he went through like four people to reach me. We talked for about a year

and he got me so interested, I was ready."

When asked about her early accomplishment, Kim in the same story said she was surprised to find out she broke a record and she is aiming for a much bigger achievement this season.

"I wanted to get what my teammate Michaela Breit got two years ago, which was the Freshman of the Year award for the RMAC. That is my goal for this year," said Kim, who credited her father, Young Kim, for introducing her to the sport and helping improve her game.

Leina's mother, Shirley, in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* said they were not expecting their daughter to excel at this early, so the Kim family is very proud of her achievement.

"Getting a scholarship and playing golf at the same time are already great blessings for Leina. Then this award came and she dedicated it to her father. We hope she will continue to play well to help her school win many tournaments," Shirley Kim said.

Meanwhile, Leina and company's next event on the RMAC tournament circuit is scheduled for Sept. 24 and 25 (Sept. 25-26 on Saipan) at the Fox Hollow Golf Course, in Denver, Colorado.

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is gone now. He also shared hopes of getting a call for a possible lightweight bout in the near future.

Camacho claimed was not nervous and was in good shape, at about 75 to 80 percent of full health, when he stepped into the heat of battle and according to a fight recap posted on Sherdog.com, he scored a quick takedown in the opening round and almost ended the fight right there, but his opponent made to the bell and mounted an impressive comeback.

"I went straight for the kill and opened up with some flurries of punches to get inside [position] and took [Magny] down with a foot sweep. Then I got on top [position] and just started unloading blow after blow, switching back and forth from

half and full guard at all angles. I broke my left hand on my first punch, but didn't realize it until after the round; and threw so many punches in the first round that I was completely exhausted," Camacho said in an audio file he emailed to *Saipan Tribune*.

Magny managed to get to his feet a couple of times late in the opening round, but Camacho was quick to send him back down to the mat until the bell. Holding the edge after the opening canto, Camacho originally thought the match was only set for two rounds so he mustered every last drop of energy left in him to try and secure the win in regulation. However, he suffered from some harsh lactic acid build up and was plainly out-willed in round two. Magny later evened the score with his standup game in the second round and Camacho, more or less, concurred.

After the back and forth per-

formances, the judges called for a "sudden victory" third round, which Magny dominated for all but 30-seconds of the 5-minute affair. The victor apparently had a much lengthier reach and put it to good use in the latter periods.

"I got to give Magny real talk props for his resiliency. I started out very strong, but he weathered the storm and executed his game plan very well in the second, and especially the third round," Camacho said.

"I wanted to end it right away at the start of round three and led out with a huge left hook, but didn't connect, and he made me pay for it with over four minutes of heavy ground and pound strikes. I was eating so many punches late in the round and could hear the referee warning me that he was going to stop the fight, but even though I was in a lot of pain I maintained my composure and refused to get knocked out. He later took my

back and tried to choke me out at the end, but I made a point to myself that I was going to make it to the bell," he said.

Meanwhile, Camacho thanked his CNMI supporters and wished that the fight was shown in its entirety.

"I want everyone back home to know that you are my motivation, and you all help me, more than you know, when I'm training my tail off over here. The loss was a humbling experience, but don't get it twisted, I didn't move all the way to Camp Springs, Maryland just to goof around. I'm in it to win and will never quit. I have come to understand the pressure of representing our islands well as my career has progressed over the years and will always stay true to my island roots. Hearing the excerpts about Saipan and the CNMI on the show made me so proud, and trust me when I say that big things are coming," he said.

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(Japan League)

NMIFA president Jerry Tan led the unveiling ceremony and was joined by NMIFA technical director Johann Noetzel, NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas, NMIFA Youth Committee chair Vickie Izuka, NMASA general secretary Rose Igitol, NMIFA Referee Committee chair Glenn Perez, Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee head Joseph Villagomez, and NMIFA Men's Committee chair Steve McKagan.

Witnessing the launching were coaches, players, and officials of the various football clubs on Saipan.

"As we launched the M-League, I am proud to report that this league now has 20 to 30 percent players in the U23 age group. Seven years ago when we started the men's league, almost all the players are adults. With more youth players joining our M-League, it goes to show that their skills are improving and they are capable of matching up against our seasoned players," Tan said.

Noetzel, whose new position with NMIFA was also announced yesterday, said the M League will give players a consistent venue to showcase their talents and improve their games. McKagan then added that renaming the men's compe-

tition increased the competitiveness of the league.

A U21 and women's divisions of the M League will also have their separate competition, beginning next month, according to Noetzel.

This fall season's M-League has 9 teams with Inter Godfather's FC, Korean Football Association on Saipan, Paire FC, Tan Holding's FC, and Wild Bill's FC, playing in Division 1. Division 2 has Kanoa Resort FC, Matansa FC, Shirley's FC, and MP United FC.

Both divisions will have a double-round robin play with the team with the most points (based on games won) in Division 1 to be declared fall champion. Division 2 top point getter will then move up to Division 1, while the last placer in the latter group will be relegated to the former's bracket.

Tan Holdings and Inter Godfather's played in the opening game yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Also scheduled to play in Week 1 were Paire vs KFAS and Kanoa vs MP United. Then this Wednesday at 6:30pm, Shirley's FC will debut against Matansa FC.

Meanwhile, NMIFA would like to thank the following for making the launching ceremony possible: Pacific Trading, Co., Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Division of Sports and Recreation.

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and again contained the Torchbearers to only 4 markers to pad the lead at the half, 37-8.

After the break, Agape's Joe Yang managed six points in the third quarter, but Ivan Sanarez answered for Proa and led the breakaway, 50-16. John Capuyon then rubbed some salt on Agape's wounds, firing two three-pointers in the final moments.

Notably, Pro point guards, Ichitaro Faisao and Jason Palacios, elected not to score any points during their shifts and instead dished the ball out to their teammates.

## Rollers 2 66, LD Prime 56

In Friday's second game, Rollers 2 led by 17 points in the second quarter and never looked back.

LD Prime only trailed by a hair, 16-17, after the first frame thanks largely to the 8 points

of Lawrence Rollon. However, Prince Factor one-upped his effort to position Rollers 2 on the top side.

Though Rollon held a hot hand at the tip, he and his team were restricted to just a handful of markers in the second quarter, as Rollers 2 made a huge defensive stand to secure an overwhelming 38-21 lead at mid point. Factor and Irvyn Malonzo teamed up for 11 points in the attack, while CJ Morales added a couple of early baskets that helped start the engine.

Rollon showed up anew after the break, scoring 9. However, he needed support and that did not come, as LD Prime just traded baskets with Rollers 2 in the third with ended with the latter still ahead, 45-33.

Myler David whipped out 10 points in the fourth quarter, but he showed up too late and although LD Prime never gave up, it simply fell too far behind to climb out of the hole.

Factor's 22 carried the torch for Rollers 2, while Rollon had

25 for LD Prime.

## Rollers 1 62, Saints 41

In last Thursday's tiff, Josh Norita delivered six early points for Rollers 1, which assumed control after the first quarter, 15-9.

Rollers 1 trotted further ahead at intermission, 30-17, as the Saints' continued to struggle in second period. Rollers 1 received output from seven different players in the first half push and carried the momentum with them in the second half.

On the other end, the Saints went from bad into worse. They were stifled to two buckets in the third quarter, while Rollers 1's Erik Dela Rosa and Ralph Francisco tallied six points apiece in the runaway juncture.

Rollers 1's Dela Rosa and the Saints' Travis Eubanks led their respective squads with 14 points apiece.

## THURSDAYS

**Rollers 1 62** – Dela Rosa 14, Norita 10, Francisco 8, Lansang 6, Darag 5, Caro 4, Deleon

Guerrero 4, J. Lee 4, Suarez 4, Manibusan 3.

**Chalan Kanoa Saints 41** – Eubanks 14, Reyes 10, Ray 4, Paul 4, Camacho 4, Nakashima 4, Bintz 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-9, 30-17, 50-21, 62-41.

## FRIDAY

### First Game

**Mariana Resort Proa 64** – Palacios 9, DLG Diaz 8, Hemley 8, Mettao 8, Sanarez 7, Villagomez 7, Capuyon 6, Mamaril 5, Taitano 4, Manalili 2.

**Agape Torchbearers 22** – Lin 8, Yang 8, Chan 2, Chen 2, Shi 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 25-4, 37-8, 50-16, 64-22.

### Second Game

**Rollers 2 66** – Factor 22, Morales 12, Malonzo 11, Taba 7, Cayading 6, Kwon 4, Iglesias 2  
**LD Prime 56** – Rollon 25, David 12, Quemado 8, Esteves 6, Aldan 3, Gunnacao 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-16, 38-21, 45-33, 66-56.





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## Stunning collegiate debut for Leina



Leina Kim, seen here teeing off for the Colorado State University-Pueblo, won the RMAC Women's Golfer of the Week award.

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Former CNMI junior golfer Leina Kim was featured not once, but twice in the Colorado State University-Pueblo's official athletics site for her outstanding debut season for the ThunderWolves.



In the gothunderwolves.com's Sept. 13 edition, Kim starred in the golf section of the site for getting the RMAC (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) Women's Golfer of the Week award and then on Sept. 21, Weston Allenback's story on the Saipan golfer titled "Pack's Kim takes long road to Pueblo" was one of the headlines in the entire CSU-Pueblo's athletics site.

The ThunderWolves rookie set a CSU-Pueblo record in a single round score after carding a 1-over par 73 at the West Texas A&M Stampede in her first collegiate tournament on Sept. 10 at the Tascosa Golf Club, in Amarillo, Texas. Kim went on to place 12th in

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## NMIFA launches M-League

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association officially unveiled the M-League logo in a ceremony yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium to kick off the fall season of the revitalized league.

The logo carries the NMI-

FA's colors (blue, white and black) with the letter M standing for Marianas. There is also a latte stone, a known sign of Marianas identity, at the center and of course a soccer ball. The M-League gives NMIFA's men's league a new face and much more prestige, as the re-branding is patterned after the prominent J-League

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NMIFA officials and guests lead the unveiling ceremony of the M-League logo yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Proa keeps clean record in Rotary

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Mariana Resort/Proa walloped the Rollers Basketball Club's Agape Torch-bearers (0-2), 64-22, in the U20 division game in the 2012 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Proa took no prisoners in Friday's opener and shot out of a cannon, 25-4, in the first 10 minutes to take its third win in as many games

Jacob Palacios and Shane Diaz combined for a baker's dozen, while Agape was held to only a couple baskets from David Lin. Proa remained focused on defense in the second quarter

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## 'The Crank' soldiers on after UFC loss

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Saipan's Frank "The Crank" Camacho (10-2) remains grounded and upbeat despite his recent loss to Chicago's Neil Magny (7-1) via judges' decision in the very first episode of Ultimate Fighter Championships' The Ultimate Fighter: Season 16 Welterweight Edition held at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas, Nevada late last month.

"I'm not going to lie, for a moment I felt like I hit the lowest-low point of my life in the locker room right after I lost, but all in all, I did grow from it and took a lot of good things from the experience. I truly consider the outcome as a blessing in disguise," Camacho said.

"I won't look back on it with



Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, seen here dominating his opponent, vows to comeback after a loss in the Ultimate Fighter Championships' The Ultimate Fighter: Season 16.

ing that I won either, because that's just not how I look at life. I mean, I was fortunate to notch three rounds of invaluable ex-

perience in the UFC octagon, in front of UFC president Dana White, and got to fight in front of cameras at the Mandalay Bay

Events Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. I accept what happened, as well as all of the hard work ahead of me that I have put in because rest assured, I am coming back stronger," he added.

Camacho's fight aired on cable's FX channel on Sept. 14, but it actually took place in August, but he had to hold true to the UFC's confidentiality agreement and could not disclose any details about the outcome until after the televised premiere.

The loss does not count to Camacho's official MMA record and he was in fact competing out of his normal, lightweight (155lbs), fighting class. The welterweight division is for 170-lb fighters.

The Master Lloyd Irvin Mixed Martial Arts product declared with confidence that whatever ring rust, if any, he may have had since his three-year absence from the cage

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Mariana Resort/Proa's LJ Hemley stretches for a layup around a defender during their game against Hi-Five in the U20 division of the Rotary caging early this month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Proa won and holds a 3-0 after beating Agape last Friday.